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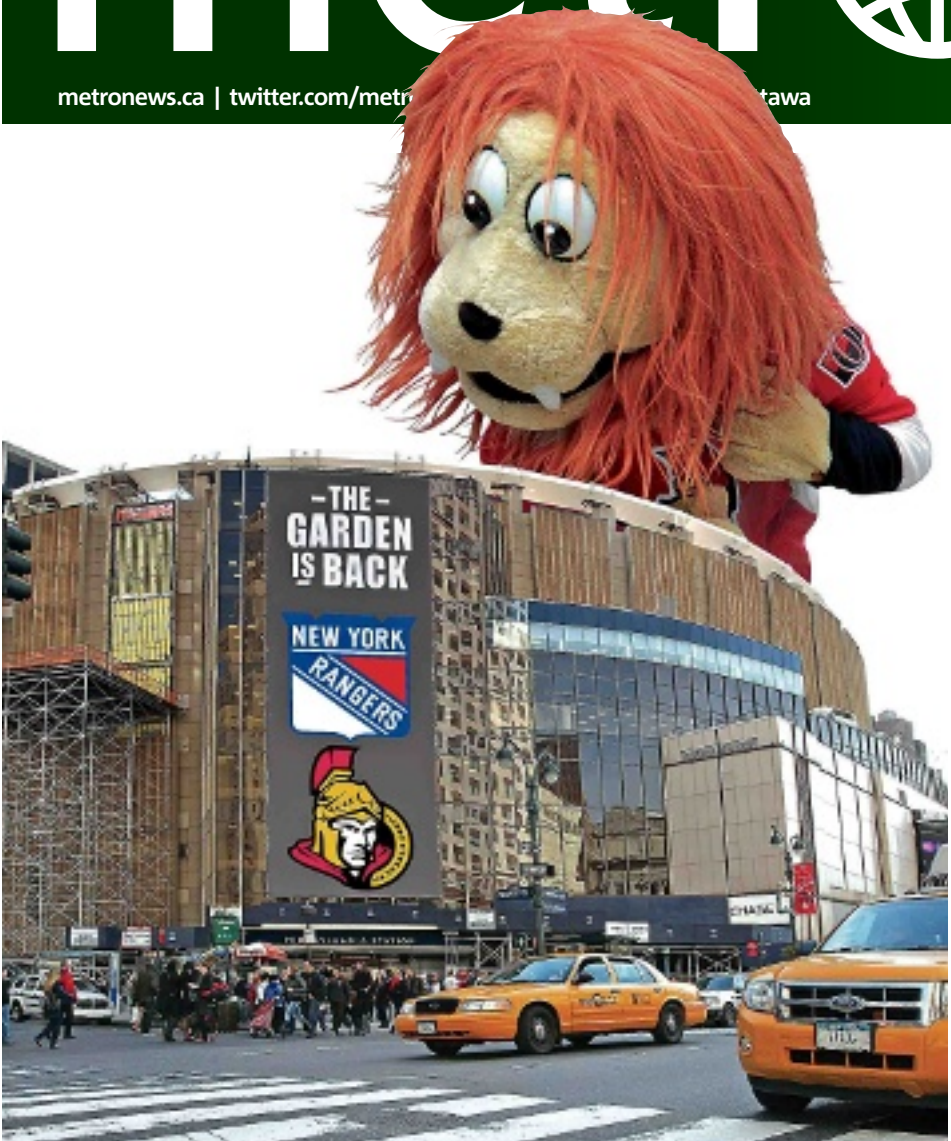
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# Top cop, mayor oppose safe injection sites

**Drug treatment.** Police chief says Ottawa 'not ready' for sites

A feasibility study says Ottawa would benefit from having two supervised injection sites for drug users in the city, but police chief Charles Bordeleau doesn't want them here.

"The police service, from a public-safety perspective, is not in favour of them in the current form," he said.

He told reporters Wednesday the four-year Toronto and Ottawa Supervised Consumption Assessment study doesn't change his position. Instead, he said he wants to target drug traffickers and help drug addicts.

"We need to continue working with our partners in helping those addicts get out of the vicious circle they find themselves in," said Bordeleau.

There is one drug treatment

facility in Ottawa with 12 beds and another will open in Vanier with six beds later this year.

In 2002 Ottawa Public Health estimated there were 3,000 to 5,000 injection drug users.

The injections site study said, "multiple supervised injection facilities are optimal to address the dispersed patterns of drug use in both," Ottawa and Toronto.

Mayor Jim Watson echoed Bordeleau's concerns, saying taxpayers' money would be better spent on addiction centres than safe injection sites.

"If there are extra funds available for safe injection sites I think they should be going into the rehab and treatment programs that we have helped fund before," said Watson.

In 2003, Vancouver became the first Canadian city to implement a supervised injection site to address heavy drug use in the Downtown Eastside.

Albert Fok, the Vancouver Chinatown BIA president, said

he sees fewer people shooting up in the streets since Insite opened up Hastings Street East.

"It has improved street optics, the perception of safety on the streets," said Fok, adding he's not in a place to recommend other cities implement it.

The report said 79 per cent of people in Ottawa who inject drugs said they injected cocaine, and 64 per cent said they injected opiates in the six months prior to being interviewed.

Some of the main goals of the supervised injection sites are to reduce the risk of transmission of HIV, hepatitis C and B, reduce overdoses, and improve access to health services.

"Ottawa has the highest new rate of HIV infections amongst people who inject drugs in Ontario," the report said.

HIV was prevalent in 11 per cent of people who inject drugs in Ottawa, compared to four per cent in Toronto.

**JOE LOFARO/METRO**

## SENS INVASION

While there were no reports of a large bipedal cat terrorizing the Big Apple, the hopes of Senators fans will be looming over Madison Square Garden Thursday night as the Sens play the first game in their playoff series against the Rangers. For a debate between Metro Ottawa and Metro New York over who will win, see page 6. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY DAVID VAN DYKE

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# Domestic assault suspect found dead near Stittsville

**Suicide.** Suspect's flight into wooded area provokes police manhunt, ends in alleged suicide

A man sought by police following a brutal domestic assault has been found dead on a trail leading to Stony Swamp near Stittsville.

Ottawa police contacted by Metro said they were looking for the man in connection with a domestic assault allegedly involving a baseball bat that left a woman in hospital with "very serious" injuries.

"We can't tell you more because it's a domestic incident," said Ottawa police spokeswoman Carole Lavigne, adding there was no foul play. Reports indicate Lefebvre's death was a suicide.

Const. Marc Soucy said police got a 911 call at about 9:33 a.m. Wednesday to 64 Hartsmere Drive. Media re-

## Happier times

- Peter Lefebvre's Facebook page lists him as married and shows happier times of his sons playing hockey and the family enjoying themselves at a lake.
- His listed activities on the page include "coaching my boy's sports teams," hockey, golf and family.

ports say the woman was very badly beaten and that a baseball bat was used in the incident, but police refused to confirm any details about a weapon.

Neighbours told media the people living in the home were Theresa and Peter Lefebvre. The Lefebvres, who have two teenage sons, were in the process of divorcing, according to reports.

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A police officer guards a police line at Stony Swamp near Stittsville as his colleagues conduct a search for a domestic assault suspect. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

## City and ATU ink contract, avoid strike



ATU Local 279 president Garry Queale displays the results of the union vote. STEVE COLLINS/METRO

OC Transpo's union reached a deal with the city Wednesday, with 85.3 per cent of members voting in favour of a new collective agreement.

"It's obviously good news, [a] good strong mandate from ATU, and we thank them for that," Mayor Jim Watson said as he announced the results at Wednesday's city council meeting.

The deal includes an 8.25 per cent raise over four years and establishes a union-management working group on driver scheduling.

Council unanimously supported the contract, which Watson said will cost the

## Collective agreement

**"It's a fair deal for the drivers, it's a fair deal for the taxpayers and most importantly it's a fair deal for the passengers to ensure they have reliable transit service."**

Mayor Jim Watson

city about \$7.5 million more over four years. The vote, he said, marked the first transit contract reached in 23 years before the expiry of the previous one.

"It's a fair deal for the drivers, it's a fair deal for the taxpayers and most importantly it's a fair deal for the passengers to ensure they have reliable transit service for the next four years," said Watson.

ATU Local 279 president Garry Queale said he was pleased with the deal and the work of the union's negotiating team. Some who voted against the contract, he added, wanted firmer language on scheduling.

"Democracy has spoken and it's not 100 per cent, which is a good thing," Queale said.

STEVE COLLINS/FOR METRO

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## NEWS

### On the web

## A whale of a birth

A baby beluga is coming to Georgia Aquarium. The world's largest aquarium has a rare beluga-whale pregnancy, the first mammal to conceive at the downtown Atlanta attraction since it opened in 2005. Watch the video at metronews.ca

## Science or sci-fi?

Fact or fiction? Could you blow up the Death Star? Or teleport, like in Star Trek? Those and other myths explained, as scientists discuss fact versus science fiction. More at metronews.ca

### Mobile news



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# Federal public service layoffs hit the capital

**Cuts.** Canada's largest public sector union says roughly 5,500 members got job notices Wednesday, about half of them in Ottawa and Gatineau



STEVE COLLINS  
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More than 5,000 government workers across the country received notices Wednesday that their jobs may fall victim to budget cuts.

The Public Service Alliance of Canada said 5,561 of its members in 23 government departments got notices yesterday.

Of those, at least 2,224 are based in the National

Capital Region.

"Never in the PSAC history have we seen so many notices issued so quickly after the release of a federal budget," said the union's president, John Gordon.

He said that about 6,500 notices have gone out to PSAC members since the budget.

Not everyone who received a notice will necessarily be laid off, Gordon noted.

But he added that the uncertainty created by the notifications will have a ripple effect on the economy.

"Each one of the workers who received one of these notices is going to be more reluctant to spend," he said.

"Local economies and the Canadian economy are going to be hit hard."

## Job cuts hit home

According to PSAC, these departments issued the largest numbers of notices to employees in Ottawa-Gatineau on Wednesday that they may lose their jobs:

- Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA): 529
- Health Canada: 485
- Public Health Agency of Canada: 275
- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: 237
- Natural Resources Canada: 127



PSAC president John Gordon. STEVE COLLINS/FOR METRO

# Police probe attempted murder in Gatineau



Police cruisers surround a home at 124 Rue Berri in Gatineau after a man was shot inside. JOE LOFARO/METRO

The Gatineau police major crime unit is searching for a man in an attempted murder investigation following a shooting that hospitalized another man Wednesday.

Police responded to 124 Rue Berri in the Hull sector at 1:35 p.m. after a man called 911.

Police spokesperson Pierre Lanthier said cops found the victim lying on

the floor inside the house with gunshot wounds. He was transported to hospital in stable condition and remains under police watch.

The male suspect fled the scene on foot, Lanthier said.

Police cordoned off part of Rue Berri and Rue Brodeur with tape as they conducted their investigation.

Witnesses were brought

to Gatineau police headquarters to be interviewed.

Police refused to release the suspect's description, but said details may be released at a later date.

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Maureen, 42, is a single mom living in Halifax with her two children, Sandra, 8, and Billy, 12. She rents a three-bedroom apartment close to the Public Gardens and not far from the medical centre where she works as office manager. Her kids can walk to school, and although she has a car — she uses it for her weekly grocery shopping and for

driving the kids to practices — Maureen takes public transportation to work. She's always watched her money and looks for good value from every dollar she spends.

Maureen has an annual household income of \$45,000. Some months she lives pay cheque to pay cheque but "I have a budget, and I stick to it. Along with all the monthly expenses, I'm saving for the kids' education, and every summer we travel west to visit family in Winnipeg."

She uses her *Scotia Momentum*<sup>®</sup> VISA Card to pay for a lot of the everyday purchases she makes such as gas, groceries and drugstore purchases.

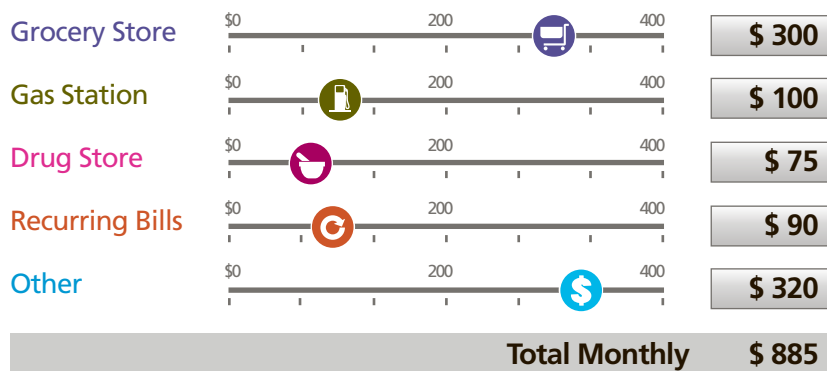
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## Basketball

## Carleton coach leaving to guide U.K. team

Dave Smart, head coach of Carleton University's men's basketball team, is leaving this season to coach the Great Britain men's under-20 team. **JOE LOFARO/METRO**

## Rockcliffe Park school

## School probing missing funds

Police are investigating financial irregularities in the school-council bank account of Rockcliffe Park Public School, administrators said Tuesday. The school has initiated an audit to find out why \$70,000 is missing. **JOE LOFARO/METRO**

## Ingenuity

## Students to race handmade hybrid racecar in international competition

A team of 21 Carleton University mechanical and aerospace students have built a hybrid

racecar from scratch and will race it in the Formula Hybrid International Competition near Concord, Mass., against teams from McGill, Tufts, the University of California and Yale.

The competition takes place at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway from April 30 to May 3.

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Carleton's hybrid car is going up against the Ivy League. **GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO**

## In recovery

## Campbell tweets

Hélène Campbell, the double-lung transplant recipient from Ottawa, tweeted for the first time Wednesday: "Just wanted to thank u all for the support #LYLT! still got a ways to go but have the best support!"

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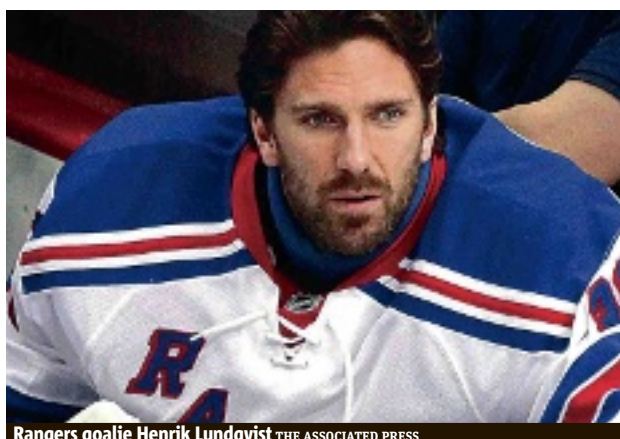
# Rangers vs. Senators: Who's got the edge?

**Stanley Cup playoffs.** With some oddsmakers giving Ottawa a longshot of 40:1 at the Stanley Cup and the Sens beating the Rangers in the regular season three games to one, our columnists decided to have a faceoff of their own over the likely victor

**MARK OSBORNE**

Sports Editor, Metro New York

Two words describe the reason why the Rangers will beat the Senators: King Henrik. We all know the Stanley Cup playoffs put a premium on goaltending. So why not go with the best in the NHL: Henrik Lundqvist



Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

ist. If you can find his minuscule goals against average it will read 1.97 with eight shutouts. Both are tops in the Eastern Conference. I tried looking for Craig Anderson's GAA, but I fell asleep when I got to 30th.

I know, I know, Jason Spezza! Three-one in the regular season! Sorry, this isn't the regular season anymore. This is the playoffs and the playoffs reward

good goaltending, physical defence and balanced scoring — also known as the Jeopardy! answer to "What are the New York Rangers?"

When Stu Bickel, Brandon Prust and the boys are done roughing up Spezza, have fun watching Marian Gaborik, Ryan Callahan, Derek Stepan and Brad Richards go to work. The talent just keeps on coming.

**SEAN MCKIBBON**

Managing Editor, Metro Ottawa

No one thought the Ottawa Senators would get this far.

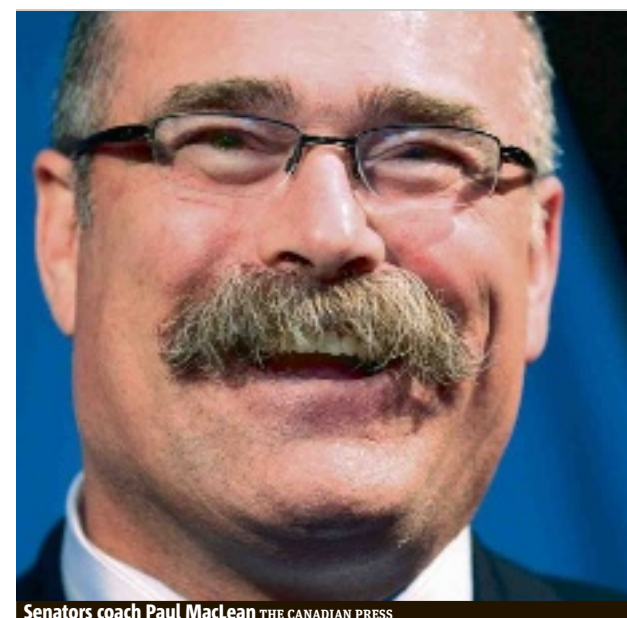
This was supposed to be a rebuilding year.

The Senators will beat the Rangers. Our defence is bigger and better and, although this is a matter of opinion, the Sens generally are faster and tougher.

Ottawa won the season series with New York. The best predictor of future behaviour is the past. Our guys play well in Madison Square Gardens for some reason.

The Rangers have more to worry about than the Jason Spezza, there's Eric Karlsson with 78 points and Milan Michalek with 35 goals this season. And don't forget Mr. Experience, our team captain Daniel Alfredsson.

It isn't the regular season anymore, it's the playoffs, sure. And there's a lot to be said for having players who



Senators coach Paul MacLean **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

have experience playing in them. But it's not all what happens on the ice, it's also what happens behind the bench.

Our coach, Paul MacLean, has a cooler head than

John Tortorella and a much, much, much cooler moustache.

Overall the Sens have been surprising all season and there's no reason they should stop in the playoffs.

## Tough talk. Author calls out Ottawa on crime, Internet bills

Renditions, torture, surveillance and the Iraq War are the territory of lawyer and Salon.com blogger Glenn Greenwald, who calls out the Canadian government for its new Internet throttling and tough-on-crime laws.

Speaking in Ottawa on Thursday, Greenwald

will discuss his new book, *With Liberty and Justice for Some: How the Law Is Used to Destroy Equality and Protect the Powerful*.

"Countries are committing what they always condemned: Torture, renditions, unjust wars and the crimes of the financial elite," Greenwald said. "At

the same time in the U.S. and Canada, for ordinary citizens you have the exact opposite with a move to harsher penal schemes and two sets of laws, depending on your status."

Harsher jail sentences and more prisons under Bill C-10 echo failed U.S. policies, Greenwald said.

"Without letting judges assess individual cases, you take the law and convert it into a hard science where humans are treated like objects," he said.

As bureaucracy expanded to monitor terrorists, Greenwald said, so has the desire to control the Internet under Can-

ada's Bill C-30. "So much of our intellectual and mental life takes place online, so it's a form of mental rather than physical surveillance."

Glenn Greenwald speaks on Thursday at 7 p.m. at Saint Paul University Auditorium, Room 203.

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Janelle Monáe is among the headlining acts performing at this year's TD Ottawa Jazz Festival June 21-July 1.

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# Pop princess to bring dance vibe to jazz fest

**Janelle Monáe.**  
TD Ottawa Jazz Festival lineup announced



**SEAN MCKIBBIN**  
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The TD Ottawa Jazz Festival revealed its lineup Wednesday to fans, media and sponsors crowded into a dimly lit National Arts Centre Fourth Stage.

Boasting artists such as Janelle Monáe, Steve Martin, John Mayall, and the Mingus Big Band, organizers said there would be music to appeal to die-hard jazz fans as well as fans of just about everything else, too.

"We've got the best jazz and the best blues and if that's not enough for you we've got Steve Martin and the Steep Canyon Rangers, Daryl Hall and Janelle Monáe — this woman packs some serious energy," said Petr Cancura.

## Concerts

# 120

The festival will also present more than 120 concerts over its 11-day run from June 21 to July 1.

The the 32nd edition of the festival will bwring more than 900 of the world's finest musicians to the festival's venue at Confederation Park, organizers say.

## Rick Mercer. International Day of Pink Gala honours satirist

Canadian comedian, television personality and political satirist Rick Mercer, was honoured Wednesday night with a Youth Role Model Award at the International Day of Pink Gala.

Nominated by Canadian youth and selected by the Jer's Vision Youth Advisory Committee, which organizes the Gala, recipients of Youth Role Model Awards are recognized for their promotion of diversity. Along with Rick Mercer, the gala also honoured the late NDP leader Jack Layton.

The International Day of Pink originated in Nova Scotia after two straight high school students intervened in the bullying of a gay student who was wearing a pink shirt.



Rick Mercer shakes hands with Jer's Vision founder Jeremy Dias at the 7th Anniversary International Day of Pink Gala Wednesday night. GIOVANI/FOR METRO

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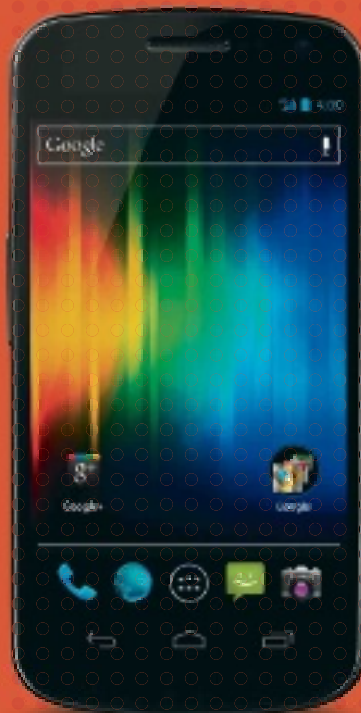
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# Tori Stafford's DNA found on accused murderer's car door

## Rafferty trial.

Probability the blood found on the car was not eight-year-old victim's is one in 150 trillion, court hears

Blood determined with near certainty to be Victoria Stafford's was found on the door of the car belonging to the man accused of killing her, court heard Wednesday.

A mixture of blood from at least two different people on the rubber moulding of the back passenger side door on Michael Rafferty's car was found to contain DNA matching the eight-year-old girl's profile, court heard. The profile was compiled using her parents' DNA, one of Tori's teeth and a hair from a lice comb, forensic biologist Jennifer McLean testified.



Michael Rafferty is shown in a police handout released as a court exhibit.  
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The probability that the female blood on Rafferty's car door was not Tori's, that a randomly selected person would coincidentally share the same DNA profile, is one in 150 trillion, she said.

Results from such a DNA test can either exclude someone as the source of a sample,

or find that they cannot be excluded, with varying probabilities that a randomly selected person has the same DNA profile, McLean testified.

Science was the focus Wednesday at Rafferty's trial, where experts from the Centre of Forensic Sciences testified about testing done on several items seized from Rafferty's home and car following his May 19, 2009, arrest.

Rafferty is alleged to have kidnapped Tori outside her Woodstock, Ont., elementary school on April 8, 2009, with his then-girlfriend Terri-Lynne McClintic, and then drove the Grade 3 student more than 100 kilometres away to a rural area, raped her and killed her.

Rafferty has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping. McClintic is already serving a life sentence after pleading guilty to first-degree murder.

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## Mandatory language tests

Minister of Immigration Jason Kenney delivers a speech to the Economic Club of Canada in Ottawa on Wednesday, March 7. Starting this July, certain people immigrating under the provincial nominee program will face language testing. Kenney made the announcement in Saskatchewan, which took in more than 5,300 immigrants under the provincial nominee program in 2010. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Alarm bells

### Three charged in botched break-in

Three men are facing charges after an alleged break-in attempt at the Toronto home of an alarm company president.

AlarmForce Industries (TSX:AF) says Joel Matlin was on vacation in February when a man went to the front door of his house late at night. Matlin's video-equipped alarm system sent him an e-mail with pictures of the man, whom he did not recognize, but a check of the live video feed showed the man had left.

Matlin contacted Toronto police and asked them to check the house and also called his stepson, who went over to stay at the home. The stepson was awakened around 4:30 a.m. to the sound of the alarm system saying "phone line cut" and then heard people trying to kick the door down, but he turned on the lights and scared them away. Matlin's company says the entire incident was caught on video, which was sent to police to help in the investigation. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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# Bomb search conducted on grounded plane: RCMP



A Korean Air Boeing 777 is shown on the runway at CFB Comox in Comox, B.C., on Tuesday. RICHARD WARRINGTON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Bomb scare.** Air Korea flight, en route from Vancouver to Seoul, was forced to make an emergency landing

Authorities were conducting a thorough inspection of a Korean Air flight Wednesday that made an emergency landing at a Vancouver Island military base after a bomb threat was phoned into the airline, the second such scare in two days.

The Boeing 777 was carrying 149 passengers from Vancouver to Seoul on Tuesday afternoon when the airline turned its craft around shortly

after takeoff under the escort of two U.S. fighter jets.

A spokesman with the company's Vancouver office said a similar flight was delayed at Vancouver International Airport for two hours on Monday when the first call was received. Police boarded the plane and determined that threat was not credible.

"Mostly we are concerned about our passengers' safety, and (keeping) our passengers on schedule," said James Koh, adding he had "no idea" why the airline was getting the threats.

The RCMP, which is leading the investigation, said early Wednesday nothing suspicious had yet been found.

Passengers and crew mem-

bers on Tuesday's diverted flight were checked, the company said Wednesday morning. Once inspections of baggage, cargo and the plane undergo the same procedure, it's expected to resume flight.

"If the plane goes through security and is found that it's absolutely clean, that plane would be absolutely used," said another Korean Air representative, spokeswoman Penny Pfaelzer who is based in Los Angeles.

The passengers stayed at two different hotels over night in the town of Comox, on the east coast of Vancouver Island, where a 3,000-metre-long airstrip is operated by a Canadian Forces Base.

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## Flight facts

NORAD is an alliance between Canada and the U.S. that uses airplanes to patrol North America's air safety.

- **Scrambling.** Two F-15 fighter jets were scrambled from Portland, Ore., to intercept the flight and escort it to the military base, about 180 kilometres northwest of Vancouver.

- **After takeoff.** Tuesday's bomb threat was received through a U.S. call centre about 25 minutes after the flight departed from Vancouver at about 4 p.m. PDT.

## Souvenirs for Canada

### Chretien museum to feature gifts from heads of state

Former prime minister Jean Chretien will be unveiling souvenirs from his official travels at an exhibition in his hometown.

A museum in Shawinigan, Que., will showcase the gifts

Chretien received from various heads of state and other officials while he was prime minister. He is thought to have accumulated between 4,000 and 5,000 items during his 10-year spell, which ended in 2003.

The exhibition, dubbed "Prime Minister Jean Chretien's Museum: Canada's Place in the World," will open to the public on June 16 and run until Sept. 30.

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## F-35 fallout

### Liberals call for MacKay's firing

The calls for Defence Minister Peter MacKay to be fired over the auditor general's scathing report on F-35 fighter jets have become louder and nastier.

The opposition Liberals say MacKay doesn't know his file and pointed to a flub

yesterday in Halifax where the minister referenced the wrong statistical table in trying to make his case over the conflicting numbers associated with last week's bombshell audit.

Liberal House Leader Marc Garneau says MacKay is either incompetent or "not too bright." The personal attack followed claims that the Conservative government undercut costs by \$10 billion.

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## Court ruling

### Doctor's negligence led to brain damage

An experienced obstetrician whose unwarranted forceps intervention during labour led to the birth of a child with catastrophic brain injuries was indeed negligent, Ontario's top court ruled Wednesday. In upholding a lower-court

ruling and damages award, the Ontario Court of Appeal agreed Dr. Peter Potts fell below the required standard of care in delivering Matthew MacGregor 13 years ago. In 1999, Laura MacGregor was in labour with her second child at the Grand River Hospital in Kitchener, Ont., when Potts attempted a forceps delivery even though, the trial judge found, there was no compelling need to do so. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## Texas cops keeping eye on nude maid service

Police in this conservative Texas city are keeping close tabs on a young entrepreneur's recently opened cleaning service that offers nude maids.

Lubbock police Sgt. Jonathan Stewart said the owner of Fantasy Maid Service of Lubbock doesn't have a permit to operate a sexually oriented business and officers are watching for any violation, which would bring a \$2,000 fine.

But owner Melissa Borrett insists she's not operating such a business. Customers pay \$100 an hour for one maid or \$150 an hour for two maids, and no touching is allowed, she said.

"I run a maid service," the 26-year-old entrepreneur said. "We really just clean houses. These girls are not performers. They're maids."

The West Texas native and mother said she started the business about a month ago because she was struggling as a waitress to make ends meet. She had even been living at the Occupy Lubbock encampment near Texas Tech University's campus in Lubbock.

"I just decided to go a little bigger, work a little smarter," she said.

Her business model isn't unique, but the city's ordinance

### Booming business

- So far, Borrett said, business has been good and she is now busy interviewing to hire more maids — she has three on staff.
- She offers a regular discount to government employees and law enforcement, and an ad posted Friday on the online bartering site Craigslist offered 20 per cent discounts for Easter weekend.

requires all sexually oriented businesses to apply for a permit, which costs \$650 a year, and to post a \$5,000 surety bond or letter of credit.

Such businesses are defined as any commercial venture whose operations include "providing, featuring or offering of employees or entertainment personnel who appear in a state of nudity, seminude or simulated nudity and provide live performances or entertainment" intended to sexually stimulate or gratify customers "and which is offered as a feature of a primary business activity of the venture." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



## Abandoned puppies found zipped in suitcase

A man tried to abandon six English bulldog puppies and their mother by zipping them inside a suitcase and leaving it outside an Ohio business near a trash bin with their mother. The man was charged after authorities found he'd left the luggage tag with his contact information attached.

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## Saggy pants land man in jail

A Alabama judge ordered a man to serve three days in jail for contempt of court for wearing so-called saggy pants. Twenty-year-old LaMarcus D. Ramsey was in Autauga County Circuit Court on Tuesday to enter a plea on a charge of receiving stolen property.

Circuit Judge John Bush told Ramsey his blue jeans were sagging too low and gave him the three-day stint. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## 'Miracle' baby alive in coffin

A mother in Argentina says she fell to her knees in shock after finding her baby alive in a coffin in the morgue nearly 12 hours after the girl had been declared dead.

Doctors gave her the death certificate just 20 minutes after the baby was born. The baby was quickly put in a coffin and taken to the morgue's refrigeration room. Twelve hours passed before she and her husband were able to open the coffin to say their last goodbyes.

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## France. Ban on visiting extremist websites and on travel to weapons-training camps

The conservative French government Wednesday unveiled new counterterrorism measures to punish those who visit extremist websites or travel to weapons-training camps abroad.

The measures come in the wake of deadly shootings by a suspected Islamic extremist in southern France last month.

They will now go to parliament, where the government may face resistance from the Socialists, who say France's legal arsenal against terrorism is already strong enough.

The opposition say the proposal is a campaign ploy to boost President Nicolas Sarkozy's chances at a second term.

Sarkozy's cabinet gave its go-ahead to measures that would make it illegal to travel abroad to "indoctrination and weapons-training camps for terrorist ends," or to regularly visit websites that incite or praise deadly

### All about politics?

Sarkozy is facing an uncertain re-election contest.

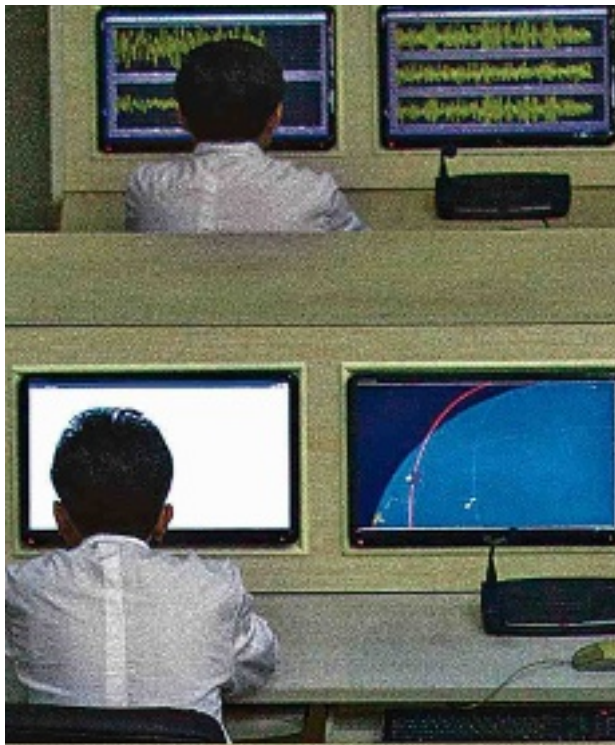
- Critics say Sarkozy is trying to buff up his domestic security credentials ahead of a two-round election on April 22 and May 6.
- Sarkozy first made the proposals after gunman Mohamed Merah killed three paratroopers, a rabbi and three Jewish children in shootings in the cities of Toulouse and Montauban.

terrorism.

Sarkozy's government insists the measures are needed to fight the relatively new phenomenon of "lone-wolf" terrorism by extremists who self-radicalize online via jihadist websites, and are hard for authorities to track.

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# Controversial rocket launch appears imminent



North Korean technicians man computer terminals at their space agency's launch command Wednesday. DAVID GUTTENFELDER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**North Korea.** Rocket mounted with Earth-observation satellite and is similar to the type that could fire a nuclear warhead

North Korea fueled up a rocket Wednesday in preparation for what appeared to be an imminent liftoff while the country's young leader strengthened his power with a new title making him the nation's top political official.

Kim Jong-un was named first secretary of the ruling Workers' Party, a new post, while his late father, longtime leader Kim Jong-il, was given the posthumous title of "eternal general secretary" at a special Workers' Party conference, the state-run Korean Central News Agency reported.

Kim Jong-un's formal ascension, nearly four months after the death of his father,

comes during a week of events leading up to celebrations Sunday marking the 100th anniversary of the birth of his grandfather, the late president Kim Il-sung.

Space officials call the launch of the Unha-3 rocket, mounted with an Earth-observation satellite, a "gift" to Kim Il-sung.

They said Wednesday that the final step of injecting fuel into the three-stage rocket was underway in the coastal hamlet of Tongchang-ri.

"We are injecting fuel as we speak," an official told reporters.

Fuel injection into the rocket is usually one of the final steps in the pre-launch process, experts say. But the weather, and particularly the wind, could force delays.

A launch would be a "provocation" and violate UN Security Council resolutions, say the United States, Japan, Britain and other global powers.

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## Problem-plagued submarine in water, briefly



HMCS Windsor, one of Canada's four Victoria-class submarines, is returned to the waters of Halifax harbour after a re-fit. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

One of Canada's four problem-plagued submarines was slowly lowered into Halifax harbour on Wednesday, more than three years after a refit was due to be completed.

HMCS Windsor began the three-hour process of re-entering the water just before 9 a.m. local time in a berth lined with 46 winches that connected to a submerged wooden platform.

Dozens of workers stood on a Halifax dock to watch the hulking black sub as it was lowered at about half-a-metre per minute.

The sub was to move to a neighbouring berth to undergo further testing and preparations for sea trials, but it's not clear when those trials will happen.

"The submarine will only go on the other side and ... the refit will continue," said Roger Barakett, who oversees fleet safety and the lowering procedure.

"Some of the work requires salt water to be carried out so that's what's going to go on when she's in the water."

Initially scheduled to be

completed by 2009, Windsor's refit has taken almost five years and the sub hasn't been in the water since 2007.

It has operated at sea for 332 days since arriving in Nova Scotia in October 2001.

Windsor is one of four British submarines bought by the government in 1998 for \$750 million, but the fleet has seen little time in active service since then.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay said the navy is also expanding the number of submariners it has to 330 from 278. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Long process

Initially scheduled to be completed by 2009, Windsor's refit has taken almost five years and the sub hasn't been in the water since 2007.

- HMCS Victoria recently completed a three-year refit.
- HMCS Corner Brook struck the ocean floor off Vancouver Island during a training exercise in 2011.



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# Peruvians rescued from copper mine

## Six-day ordeal.

Nine miners walk out of abandoned mine through a reinforced tunnel built by rescuers

Nine Peruvian miners were rescued Wednesday after six days of being trapped in an abandoned copper mine.

The nine, ranging in age from 23 to 58, walked out without assistance about an hour after dawn from a reinforced tunnel that rescuers had built as they removed more than eight metres of dirt and rock.

The miners wore sunglasses and were covered with blankets.

President Ollanta Humala greeted them.

Humala had spent the night at the mine 240 kilo-

metres southeast of Lima.

The miners were trapped by a cave-in triggered by an explosion they had set.

The miners had communicated with rescuers through a hose, in place before the collapse, by which they also received food and medicine during their ordeal in a horizontal shaft dug into a mountainside.

"It's pretty ugly inside," one of the rescued men, Edwin Bellido, told RPP radio. "We slept on the ground on muddy plastic."

He said the miners kept their spirits up by telling each other jokes, singing and running in the 50-metre tunnel.

The Cabeza de Negro mine that they were working in had been abandoned in the 1980s.

Humala said the incident points up the dangers of working in such mines in Peru, labour in which tens of thousands are engaged.

He said he had given instructions for Cabeza de Negro to be sealed.

The rescue drew some comparisons to the 69-day ordeal of 33 Chilean miners trapped more than 700 metres underground in 2010 near the Chilean city of

Copiapo.

The Peru rescue was not by any measure a comparable engineering feat because the miners were not similarly trapped deep down. Neither heavy equipment nor drilling was required to extract them.

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Miner Javier Tapia, wearing sunglasses, is helped out of a mine in Yauca del Rosario, Peru, Wednesday. JOB ROSALES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Myanmar. Suu Kyi meets president ahead of her entry into parliament

The architects of political reconciliation in Myanmar, President Thein Sein and opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, met Wednesday ahead of the Nobel peace laureate's historic entry into parliament.

The two were due to discuss democratization, parliamentary affairs and a peace process with ethnic rebels, said a spokesman for Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy.

On her return to Yangon from the capital, Naypyitaw, Suu Kyi told reporters only that "it was a good meeting."

Suu Kyi has long fought for democratic rule against the former military regime, and spent about 15 years under house arrest for her ef-

### Pro-democracy icon

Aung San Suu Kyi's group captured 43 seats to become the main opposition presence in parliament, which is overwhelmingly dominated by allies of the former military regime.

- They take their seats when the next session of parliament opens April 23.

forts. Her party boycotted a November 2010 general election, saying it was unfair and undemocratic.

But when Thein Sein became president he began reforms easing the political landscape. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Aung San Suu Kyi smiles as she talks to journalists Wednesday.

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# Lawmakers question Heathrow's ability to handle Olympic influx

**London 2012.** Report says long lines could force planes to circle the airport if it's at capacity

British lawmakers have questioned Heathrow Airport's ability to cope with an influx of passengers during the London Olympics this summer, warning that long lines at immigration could force planes to sit on runways or even circle Europe's busiest airport.

The concerns were expressed in a letter to Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt from the chairman of House of Commons culture, media and sport committee, John Whittingdale. It was published Wednesday.

Whittingdale wrote that lawmakers had met with Heathrow operator BAA on its preparations for the Olympic games and "did not leave the briefing confident" that Heathrow was ready to cope



Passengers wait outside Terminal 3 as the doors are manned by security to prevent overcrowding inside the terminal at Heathrow Airport in London.

with huge numbers of arrivals around the Olympics in a "timely fashion." The games run from July 27 to Aug. 12.

"We understand that significant preparations have been

made to accommodate unusual sporting equipment, special lanes for the Olympic family, welcoming arrangements for competitors and additional Olympic ambassadors," Whittingdale wrote.

"However, far less thought seems to have been given to the issue of how to deal with long queues at immigration."

Whittingdale said those

lines could push terminals over capacity, forcing planes to circle in the air, sit on runways or block gates if they can't unload their passengers.

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## WADA urged to impose 4-year bans

Britain's Olympic body has urged the World Anti-Doping Agency to introduce mandatory four-year bans for drug cheats as a minimum.

The current WADA code has a provision for four-year bans, but few federations opt to impose sanctions beyond the standard two years.

The British Olympic Association has submitted its proposed changes to WADA for the revision of the code, which sets out drug-testing rules and sanctions.

The BOA says in its submission that "athletes globally are calling for tougher sanctions to rid sport of those that choose to cheat."

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## Philadelphia. Archdiocese transferred alleged pedophile priest to other parishes at least 8 times, court hears

A priest facing complaints of abuse was transferred around the Archdiocese of Philadelphia at least eight times, each without a warning to the parish, according to prosecutors Wednesday, at the trial of the

first Roman Catholic official in the U.S. charged with endangering children for allegedly keeping pedophile priests in parish work in order to avoid scandal.

The priest, the Rev. Francis

Trauger, had denied allegations of abuse for decades before admitting what he did, according to a document in the church's secret archives from before he was defrocked in 2005.

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## What Must Be Said. German poet compares his being unwelcome in Israel to similar bans by totalitarian regimes

Guenter Grass says Israel's decision to bar him from visiting the country following his What Must Be Said poem criticizing the Jewish state reminds him of similar steps that dictatorial

governments have taken against him.

The German literature Nobel laureate said in a reaction piece published by German daily Sueddeutsche Zeitung on Wednesday that

he has previously only been barred from entering a nation by then Communist-ruled East Germany and the military junta in Myanmar about 25 years ago.

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# Game on! Obama and Romney drop gloves

**Race for the White House.** Santorum quits, leaving the top Republican to take the presidential heat

No more Mr. Nice Guys!  
U.S. President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney are girding for battle — officially. The gloves were dropped as soon as the Republican front-runner's only real competition exited the party's gruelling presidential race. Less than 24 hours after Rick Santorum's departure from the contest, the former Massachusetts governor is facing a bruising battle with a well-funded, well-oiled Obama re-election machine. Stand by for seven months of fighting. Wednesday, a trio of Romney's top advisers faced tough questions about his insistence a day earlier that 92 per cent of jobs lost in the U.S. since Obama took office were held by women. Romney has been trying to gain ground with women in the face of numerous polls suggesting they prefer Obama by as much as 20 percentage points. Romney's campaign officials were asked three times

## Ringside

The first blow in the battle for the White House was actually delivered by the pollsters on Wednesday.

- **OUCH!** An ABC News/ Washington Post poll shows Romney is trailing Obama by 19 percentage points in terms of general popularity.
- **POW!** Fifty per cent of those surveyed view Romney unfavourably, while 34 per cent have a favourable opinion.
- **SOCK!** That's the lowest level for any leading presidential candidate during a primary season in the 28 years that ABC News and the Post have been conducting such polls.

to point to Obama policies that have hurt women. They offered nothing specific. Meanwhile, Obama pushed for tax reform. "It's just plain wrong that middle-class Americans pay a higher share of their income in taxes than some millionaires and billionaires," Obama said at the White House, surrounded by some millionaires who back him.

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## California

### Manson denied parole — again

A California panel denied parole Wednesday to mass murderer Charles Manson in his 12th bid for freedom.

Manson, now a grey-bearded 77-year-old, did not attend the hearing.

He orchestrated a series of gruesome murders on consecutive nights in Los Angeles 40 years ago.

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Aging Charles Manson may have faced his last parole hearing.  
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## Florida

### 'Animal' set to be executed

David Alan Gore is scheduled to be executed in Florida Thursday for murdering 17-year-old Lynn Elliott in 1983 — a sentence many say is long overdue.

"He's an animal, a terrible animal," said Carl Elliott, 81, whose daughter was Gore's sixth known and final victim.

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David Alan Gore committed horrific rapes and murders in Florida, officials say. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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# Giant Indonesian earthquake triggers panic but no tsunami

**The sound of sirens.** Massive 8.6 quake terrifies residents of South Pacific archipelago, bringing back nightmares of 2004 tragedy

Cries of panic and fervent prayers rang out Wednesday as Indonesians rushed toward high ground after two strong earthquakes raised fears of a killer tsunami.

Alerts were raised as far away as Africa and Australia but this time the big waves didn't come.

In western Indonesia, distraught women ran into the streets clinging to crying children as back-to-back tsunami warnings revived memories of the 2004 disaster that claimed 230,000 lives in nearly a dozen countries.

"God! What have we done to deserve this?" one mother screamed as residents around her piled into cars and onto the backs of motorcycles. "What



The walls of a prison were damaged by strong earthquakes in Indonesia's Aceh province on Wednesday. The two massive quakes caused tsunami warnings, but no deadly waves or serious damage occurred. KYODO NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

sins have we committed?"

Two deadly tsunamis in the last decade — the most recent off Japan just one year ago — have left the world much better prepared.

Sirens sounded along coastlines and warnings spread like wildfire by text messaging. Though often chaotic, evacua-

tions began immediately, with streets clogged with traffic, especially in Aceh province, where 170,000 people were killed in 2004.

Countries all along the Indian Ocean — from Australia and India to as far off as Africa — received alerts from the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Ha-

wai saying they should prepare for the possibility of seismically charged waves.

An hour later the tsunami warnings were lifted, and damage from the tremors was minimal — something experts attributed to the unique nature of the fault line.

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## Trayvon Martin shooting. Zimmerman pleads not guilty to murder two

The neighbourhood watch volunteer who shot unarmed black teen Trayvon Martin was arrested and charged with second-degree murder on Wednesday, after weeks of mounting tensions and protests across the U.S.

The February shooting brought demands from civil-rights leaders for Zimmerman's arrest and set off a furious debate over race and self-defence that reached all the way to the White House.

Special prosecutor Angela Corey announced the charges but would not disclose details of her investigation.

Zimmerman initially was not arrested in part because of Florida's "stand your ground" law, which gives people wide leeway to use deadly force in the face of danger.

Zimmerman's new attorney, Mark O'Mara, said he will invoke the "stand your ground" law in Zimmerman's defence and he will plead not guilty.

Martin's parents expressed relief over the decision to prosecute him.

"The question I would really like to ask him is, if he

### Recounting the incident

On Feb. 26, Martin was returning from a convenience store when Zimmerman started following him, telling police dispatchers he looked suspicious.

- Zimmerman stated Martin attacked him after he had given up chasing the teenager and was returning to his truck.
- He told police that Martin knocked him to the ground and began slamming his head on the sidewalk. Zimmerman's father says Martin threatened to kill his son.
- A video taken about 40 minutes after the shooting as Zimmerman arrived at the Sanford police station showed him walking unassisted without difficulty.

could look into Trayvon's eyes and see how innocent he was, would he have then pulled the trigger? Or would he have just let him go on home?" said his father, Tracy Martin.

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## Mideast negotiations

## Israel, Palestine urged to focus on positive steps

The “quartet” of Mideast peacemakers appealed Wednesday for Israel and the Palestinians to take confidence-building steps to improve the atmosphere for negotiations, as top Israeli and Palestinian officials prepared to meet for the first time 18 months.

Meeting in Washington, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-

moon, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and EU foreign-policy chief Catherine Ashton also called for the international community to help the Palestinians meet their budget needs. They expressed concern about the “increasing fragility” of the Palestinian Authority, which needs \$1.1 billion US in financial aid, and called on the two sides to work together to improve Palestinian governance and expand economic opportunities for the Palestinian people. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Historic leader

## Algeria's first president dies

Algeria's state news agency says Ahmed Ben Bella, who served as Algeria's first president, has died at age 96.

Ben Bella passed away Wednesday at the family home in Algiers after being twice admitted to a hospital in the past month for discomfort, family members said.

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Algerian President Ahmed Ben Bella in 1964.

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# Syria agrees to ceasefire deadline



International envoy Kofi Annan, left, shakes hands with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad at the beginning of their meeting on the Iranian island of Qeshm, Wednesday. HAMID FOROUTAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ISNA

## Under one condition. Activists say the agreement leaves too much room for regime to manoeuvre

Syria promised to comply with a UN-brokered ceasefire beginning Thursday but carved out an important condition — that the regime still has a right to defend itself against the terrorists that it says are behind the country's year-old uprising.

The statement Wednesday offered a glimmer of hope that a peace initiative by special envoy Kofi Annan could help calm the conflict, which has killed some 9,000 people. But the regime still has ample room to manoeuvre.

In comments carried on the state-run news agency, Syria said the army has successfully fought off “armed terrorist groups” and reasserted state authority across the country.

“A decision has been taken to stop these missions as of the morning of ... April 12, 2012,” the statement said. “Our armed forces are ready to repulse any aggression carried out by the armed terrorist groups against civilians or troops.”

The government denies that

it is facing an uprising by Syrians who want to dislodge the authoritarian family dynasty that has ruled the country for more than four decades. Instead, the regime says, terrorists are carrying out a foreign conspiracy to destroy Syria.

Because the regime has treated any sign of dissent as a provocation, there are only dim hopes for an abrupt end to the bloodshed. The White House cautioned that President Bashar Assad's regime has reneged on promises to stop the violence in the past.

“What is important to remember is that we judge the Assad regime by its actions and not by their promises, because their promises have proven so frequently in the past to be empty,” White House spokesman Jay Carney said.

Annan is scheduled to brief the UN Security Council on Thursday by video-conference from Geneva.

Many activists predict that huge numbers of protesters would flood the streets if Assad fully complies with the agreement and pulls his forces back to barracks. But Syria has ways to maintain authority even without the military, in the form of pro-regime gunmen called “shabiha” and the fiercely loyal and pervasive security apparatus. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# Making final orbit in Race for Space

Metro English Canada's finalists for Metro's Race for Space are competing against 14 others from around the world for a chance to be launched into space. The winner — to be selected by an international panel of judges — will be announced April 27.



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## KIRBY 'OUTLANDISH'

Will Kirby grew up dreaming of flying to Mars to search for life on the Red Planet.

Thanks to Metro International's Race for Space contest, he's one step closer to his goal. Kirby is Canada's co-finalist for a chance to fly into space.

Kirby says he saw the contest in the paper and decided to take a shot. He then pressed his friends and family to back his entry.

As the votes grew, the undergrad biology student planted himself in public places on the Dalhousie University campus in Halifax to have loud conversations

with friends about the contest, and about how he needed online support.

"I began to think, Hey, this is actually possible," he says. "Over the next few days, I did a lot of arm waving at Dalhousie University."

Kirby, 23, was born in Ottawa, raised in Acton, Ont., and moved to Halifax to study. His father has a PhD in chemistry, and childhood walks were filled with discussions of quantum physics. "I always had a big interest in science, mainly because of him," he says.

The idea of actually being in space awes him. "I would try to make an emotional,

inspiring speech, but I don't know if I'll just be like, 'Daaaaarrrrr,'" he laughs.

Each Metro country is submitting finalists, and a jury will pick the winner April 27. The actual flight would happen in 2014.

Even if he falls short in the Race for Space, Kirby hopes to make it off Earth one day. He plans to get his PhD in astrobiology, the study of the potential for life on other planets, and has the "outlandish" goal of becoming an astronaut.

"The ultimate goal is to get to Mars and be one of the first scientists who discovers extraterrestrial life," he says.

"I can fight as hard as I can to get as close to my goal as possible. If it's not in the stars, then I can say I did my best."

JON TATTIE/FOR METRO

### On the web

Read Kirby's entry at [metronews.ca/features](http://metronews.ca/features).

We've all come to know and love the quirky character Bubbles from the Canadian TV show Trailer Park Boys. Behind the big glasses, kitten obsession and signature frown is Mike Smith, a man who has loved space and rocketry since he was five years old.

Since March 5, applicants across 22 countries have been narrowed down, leaving Smith to be Canada's co-finalist for a chance to fly into space.

"The whole experience of going through the training and learning about the space vehicle, the build up to it, would be amazing," says Smith.

Smith, 39, grew up in Nova Scotia and studied English at St. Francis Xavier University.

If he wins, he plans on making a documentary, recording the process leading up to the flight. Smith says the documentary could inspire youth to become involved in space exploration.

The avid Rush fan says,

if allowed, he would bring music with him into space.

"It would be really cool to listen to Cygnus X1 in space." The Rush track is a psychedelic blend of rock, ambient sound effects and metal. Smith says he would also love to bring his beloved Conky, the ventriloquist puppet, with him for the trip.

"Some friends and family have been telling me I'm nuts to get into a space vehicle.

They have opinions about if it's a good idea to shoot yourself into space," says Smith, who's more than excited at the prospect of space travel.

DELIA MACPHERSON/  
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### On the web

Read Bubbles' entry at [metronews.ca/features](http://metronews.ca/features).



## BUBBLES 'REALLY COOL'





# 'Hello, Earthlings!' Metro reporter says from 'space'

**Trying space travel on for size.** Metro Holland's Jeroen van Wieringen spends the day at a space-flight simulator facility



**JEROEN VAN WIERINGEN**  
Metro World News

"And on the left you'll find a sickness bag," Mark, a technician from Space XC, says, concluding his instructions before he closes down the spaceship's cockpit.

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"All right, Jeroen, just press the red button when you are ready," the "pilot" Harry says calmly.

"No, don't!" the scared one inside me thinks. "Go for it!" screams the daredevil in the same body. And that last one wins.

I'm being pressed into the seat as the world around me is passing me by faster and faster.

"More than 200 kilometres an hour ... and liftoff."

Thanks, Harry. As if I



Our reporter Jeroen van Wieringen gets inside the SXC flight simulator. SXC

## That down-to-earth feeling

**It takes me by surprise. Blood is rushing down, my head feels lighter. I pinch my hands and put pressure on my legs to fight it. It barely helps. If this goes on much longer...**

Jeroen van Wieringen during his return to Earth.

haven't noticed that myself already.

I see land below me, clouds next to me, stars above me. The continuous noise of the rocket engines is banging in my ears. But then — silence.

The engines are shut down, the enormous pressure has been lifted. Weightlessness, that's how it feels. Yuri Gagarin, I'm just like you!

A big smile appears on my

face and my eyes are looking in all directions as fast as they can, just to miss nothing of the wonderful world around me.

"So right now, can I call myself a virtual astronaut?" I hear myself asking.

"Yes, now you are, because you just crossed the zone of 100 kilometres, the boundary between our atmosphere and outer space," Harry says enthusiastically into my headset.

Hello, Earthlings!

However, going up means coming down again as well.

I know what comes next — they explained it to me. It seems like about three times my own weight, about 250 kilograms, is trying to crush me.

Although I knew it was coming, it takes me by surprise. Blood rushes down, my head feels lighter. I pinch my hands and put pressure on my legs to fight it. It barely helps. If this goes on much longer...

But it doesn't.

"Welcome back, this is the right time to have a relaxed final part of the flight," Harry says. "Well done."

And — to be honest — I agree with him. Especially when I see the empty sickness bag next to me.

## Commercial space flights

### Heading for next frontier 'a life changer'

Michiel Mol has been dreaming of going to space since he was eight-years-old.

Influenced by science-fiction movies and by watching the space race put the first man on the moon, he's always wanted to experience the galaxy first-hand.

"It's all because of something inside of us human beings," Mol tells Metro.

"We want to go further



The model of the Space XC space station in Curaçao. SXC

and find the next frontier."

Now, Mol may be able to make his and the dreams of many others come true.

He's the CEO and partner of Space XC, a company that will be sending people to

outer space on its spacecraft starting in 2014.

Previous space travellers have been known to pay exorbitant amounts of up to \$50 million US to get to the International Space Station.

Space Adventures, based in Vienna, Va., is offering a 90-minute spacewalk and five-day stay on the ISS for \$15 million — but the flight isn't included.

"You're looking down on the seven billion people on Earth. It's really a life-changer," Mol says.

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## Online

For the full Race for Space package, visit [metronews.ca/](http://metronews.ca/) features. Additional features include:

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- Businessman Gregory Olsen dishes on being a space tourist.





# U.S. sues Apple, publishers over ebook pricing

**Publishing.** Markups have cost consumers over \$100 million since April 2010, attorney general says

The U.S. Justice Department and 15 states sued Apple Inc. and major book publishers Wednesday, alleging a conspiracy to raise the price of electronic books they said cost American consumers more than \$100 million US in the past two years by adding \$2 to \$5 to the price of each ebook.

Attorney General Eric Holder said executives at the highest levels of the companies conspired to eliminate competition among ebook sellers. Justice's antitrust chief Sharis Pozen said the executives were desperate to get Amazon.com, marketer of the Kindle ebook reader, to raise the \$9.99 price point it had set for the most popular titles, which was substantially below their hardcover prices.

The federal government

reached a settlement with three of the publishers, Hachette, HarperCollins and Simon & Shuster. But it will proceed with its lawsuit in federal court in New York City against Apple and Holtzbrinck Publishers, doing business as Macmillan, and The Penguin Publishing Co. Ltd., doing business as Penguin Group.

Connecticut and Texas, two of the 15 states filing a separate complaint, reached agreements with Hachette and HarperCollins to provide \$52 million in restitution to consumers, using a formula based on the number of states participating and the number of ebooks sold in each state. Other states in the case may sign onto the agreement.

Holder told a Justice Department news conference on Wednesday that "we believe that consumers paid millions of dollars more for some of the most popular titles" as a result of the alleged conspiracy. Pozen said the scheme added an average of \$2 to \$3 to the prices of individual books.

According to Pozen,

## Price point

- Since launching the Kindle in 2007, Amazon has made a point of offering bestsellers for only \$9.99 US.
- The discount is so deep from list prices of \$20 and more that it's widely believed Amazon is selling the ebooks at a loss as a way of attracting more customers and forcing competitors to lower their prices.
- Apple's iBookstore has yet to become a major force, but publishers believe the new price model has reduced Amazon's market share from around 90 per cent to around 60 per cent.

Apple's Steve Jobs told publishers involved in the alleged conspiracy that "the customer pays a little more, but that's what you want anyway."

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## Eye on the (very) small screen

The HTC Evo 3D smartphone is shown in San Francisco on June 21, 2011. Canada's big telecom companies have scooped up television stations for more content, but, so far, small numbers of consumers are watching live sports, news and other shows on their smartphones. When you look at it as a percentage of all TV watched, viewing television on smartphones is certainly well under one per cent, said Deloitte Canada analyst Duncan Stewart, who noted that screen size is a big consideration when it comes to how consumers view content. According to research by the Media Technology Monitor, only about four per cent of anglophone consumers were watching TV on their phones last year, although the figure had doubled since 2010.

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## Market Minute



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## Social networking

### New changes to Google Plus

Google is tweaking its social network, Google Plus, to make it easier to use and to distinguish it from rival Facebook.

The most visible change is a new navigation ribbon with icons for the most used features, such as games, photos and your personal profile.

The changes, announced Wednesday, are designed to help Google Plus adapt more easily to growth — and to make room for new features in the future.

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## Investors' approval

### Canada's banks a safe haven: Moody's

Canada's banks are collectively the soundest in the world, according to Moody's Investors Service, which has recommended the financial institutions to jittery global investors.

The New York-based agency rated all of Canada's big banks at double-A2 or better in a report Wednesday, higher than bank rankings in the United States, Europe and other regions.

Canada's big banks also posted good results in the first quarter of 2012, the agency noted.

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# Loyal Instagram users fret over Facebook's reach



The Instagram fan page is seen on Facebook. JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

Poor Instagram users.

First, their beloved photo-sharing application moves from iPhone-only exclusivity to the Android phone masses. A week later, Facebook swallows up the tiny startup behind the app for \$1 billion. The purchase sparked worries that Facebook might shutter Instagram or change it for the worse by harvesting their personal information or

shoving ads into their carefully curated photo streams.

Instagram has attracted more than 31 million users in less than two years. Its near-cult-like early followers were loyal iPhone users who flocked to the app for its ease of use, its playful filters that can make even boring photos look artistic, and its lack of ads, status updates and other clutter. Apple named Instagram the

iPhone App of the Year in 2011.

To be fair, both Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and Instagram CEO Kevin Systrom sought to reassure people that the app is here to stay. Unlike all the other startups Facebook has bought, Instagram will remain available to people who don't use Facebook or don't want to connect it to their accounts on

the world's most populous online social network, the CEOs said.

"Millions of people around the world love the Instagram app and the brand associated with it, and our goal is to help spread this app and brand to even more people," Zuckerberg wrote on his Facebook page on Monday, announcing the purchase.

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# Housing starts rise sharply

**CMHC report.** Condo sector shows no sign of cooling — particularly in Toronto

Canada's home-building industry was unexpectedly hot in March — particularly the condo sector in Toronto.

The latest data on residential construction surprised analysts Wednesday, with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. (CMHC) reporting 14,517 actual starts in March, giving a seasonally adjusted rate of 215,600 units a year.

That constitutes a five per cent jump from the previous month and the highest level of starts since the fall of 2008.

As well, CMHC upgraded its estimates for January and February, suggesting home construction was a key component of economic growth for Canada in the first quarter of this year.

Ontario, particularly Toronto, had the country's biggest increase in multiple-dwelling units, a group that includes condos and apartments. Multiple starts in the province jumped by 50 per cent on a seasonally adjusted basis.

"Certainly we think the housing sector will downshift at some point ... but we're not quite at that point yet," said Peter Buchanan, an analyst with CIBC World Markets.

"Clearly low mortgage-financing costs are helping to support the segment. This kind of level of starts is certainly above the underlying level of household formation by 20,000 or 30,000 (annu-

## Regional rates

The report for March did contain some evidence of retrenchment.

- Starts in urban areas decreased by 27.7 per cent in British Columbia — a signal that the country's most expensive housing market, Vancouver, may be coming back to earth — and by 16.3 per cent in Quebec
- Vancouver has been cooling for months, said economist Robert Kavcic of BMO Capital Markets, so March's decline in starts was not surprising.
- The Prairie provinces saw a 6.4 per cent increase in starts, while residential building rose by 2.7 per cent in Atlantic Canada.

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Buchanan said the condo market may be sizzling due to demographics as baby boomers downsize from larger, detached homes, as well as international speculation and a trend to more downtown living among Canadians as the cost of commuting increases with rising gas prices. CMHC said the condo trend is not sustainable, and many analysts agreed.

There is anecdotal evidence of a "shadow condo inventory" in Vancouver and Toronto, units that have been sold but are unoccupied and not for rent, said Scotiabank economist Derek Holt.

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## Cool currency

### Mint introduces new glow-in-the-dark coin

The Royal Canadian Mint seems to be in an awfully experimental mood lately.

First, the penny was given the boot in last week's budget, an announcement that was quietly followed up by the unveiling of an in-development digital currency chip.

Now, perhaps as a nod to what could look increasingly like the pending extinction of coins, the Mint has taken the wraps off a new quar-

ter that stars a dinosaur discovered in the Grande Prairie, Alta., area.

And it also happens to be the Mint's first glow-in-the-dark coin.

In your standard well-lit coin-counting situation, the very cool quarter boasts an image of *Pachyrhinosaurus lakustai*. But when the lights go down, the image reverts to a luminous look at the dinosaur's skeleton.

The Mint says 25,000 copies of the eye-catching currency have been made, part of a planned series of four glow-in-the-dark coins spotlighting prehistoric creatures. They are available for purchase online and at Canada Post locations for \$29.95.

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The Royal Canadian Mint's first glow-in-the-dark coin. THEMINT.CA



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# LET THE REAL HOCKEY SEASON BEGIN



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What with the latest news involving nuclear weapons and dictatorships, it will be paramount to check up on those things when the Stanley Cup playoffs are over.

But for now, let's focus on

what's important. Sixteen teams are vying for the world's most famous birdbath/pudding bowl in a bid to take it away from my Boston Bruins, who won last year in a victory that I have recounted three or four times (5,000, tops).

Like many journalists, my empathy button is worn down after years of overuse. I recently had a completely dispassionate conversation with an editor about whether a person can be "partially disembowelled." I believe I was eating a sandwich.

But confront me with the NHL playoffs and, well, this is emotional. This is life and death.

## Just sayin'

We live in a country where our government was completely unapologetic for a \$10-billion discrepancy in the costs of fighter jets, but the Toronto Maple Leafs apologized in full-page newspaper ads for their poor season.

That might sound ridiculous if you're not a sports fan, but I'm not alone. We live in a country where our government was completely unapologetic for a \$10-billion discrepancy in the costs of fighter jets, but the Toronto Maple Leafs apologized in full-page newspaper ads for their poor season.

Heck, if this government owned the Winnipeg Jets and increased ticket prices by \$293 (the \$10 billion broken down to each Canadian), Manitobans would lay siege to Ottawa. And you can bet the government would be apologizing like a

theatregoer trying to get to his mid-row seat.

Long column short, hockey is serious business, which is why my yearly Stanley Cup playoff predictions are so hotly anticipated. They were completely accurate last year, as far as you know.

And here they are!

- "Because it's the cup" commercials, which are aimed at people who don't watch hockey, will air only during hockey.
- If Glenn Healy is watching, every goal will be "unacceptable." If Greg Millen is watching, every goal will be "absolutely no chance for the goaltender." If they both watch the same goal at the same time, the universe will collapse in on itself.
- Every fan whose team loses to one of the eventual Stanley Cup finalists will consider that third place and argue that it shows how close they were to winning.
- Players will be asked, several times, if scoring the first goal is and/or was important. Not once will the player look at the reporter and say, "How much do they pay you exactly?"

And those are my predictions. I'm also picking Boston and Pittsburgh to meet in the Eastern Conference final, which would keep me busy until June. If Leafs/Oilers/Flames/Habs fans could keep an eye on North Korea and the Conservatives during that time, that'd be great.

Remember to keep your head up at all times.



Boston Bruins captain Zdeno Chára hoists the Stanley Cup for thousands of fans to see during a rally in celebration of the team's victory in Boston, in this June 2011 file photo.

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# Playoffs making a splash



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## Stanley Cup

### Replica doubles as fountain in N.Y.C.

To kick off the NHL Stanley Cup playoffs, a 21-foot, 6,600-pound replica of the Stanley Cup trophy was unveiled in Times Square in New York on Wednesday.

The replica trophy doubled as a water fountain that residents and visitors can drink from — much to the amusement of these young fans.

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## Vancouver

The playoffs began Wednesday night with three games, one of which saw the Vancouver Canucks hosting the Los Angeles Kings.

- With memories of last year's melee etched into the collective consciousness of Vancouver, local business owners say they're hoping for the best but prepared for the worst.
- "We know we're going to be judged kind of how we do in the playoffs," Canucks forward Ryan Kesler said. "Now the real season begins. It's going to be a good test, this first round, for us."
- The Vancouver Canucks carry the NHL's best record into the Stanley Cup playoffs for the second year in a row. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**
- Sens prepare for Rangers, page 47.

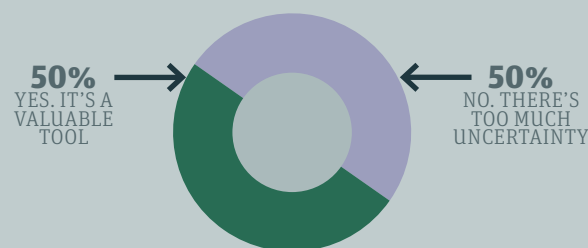


NHL commissioner Gary Bettman stands between the Stanley Cup and a replica. GETTY IMAGES



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## Should police use Facebook photos to identify suspects?



## Twitter

**@Katelannn:** Alright Ottawa, you decide to fix all our roads at the same time so you can cause traffic? Sneaky bastards.

**@beausaphine:** Honestly Ottawa, after Montreal I feel like you haven't brought your a game.

**@kendalllxo:** Skipping school to drive around ottawa...alone #sadlife #anythings-betterthanschool

**@darcyknoll:** Over to you NIMBYs... Toronto and Ottawa would benefit from drug injection sites: study

**@nykmelnik:** Anyone in ottawa have a puffer I could snag for like 30 seconds? Legit asthma attack. Please help. #nerd

**@SheiryDhillon:** Would be lovely if politicians looked at evidence over their rock hard ideologies before denying safe injection sites



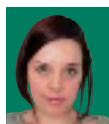
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Toronto roots-rockers Great Bloomers play Ritual this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

# Great Bloomers remain humble

**Local music.** After a few growing pains, Great Bloomers heads into future reinvented and re-energized



**BACKSTAGE PASS**  
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A lot has happened since Toronto roots-rockers Great Bloomers released their debut album, *Speak of Trouble*, three years ago. They sold out several

hometown shows, released two 7-inch records and toured relentlessly.

"It's been busy," admits front man Lowell Sostomi. "Although we've been looking forward to putting out an album for a long time, there's been a lot of stuff that we've accomplished in the meantime."

He admits the past few years have been formative, to say the least.

"There's been a lot of personal growth in the band, a lot of touring, and some lineup changes as well. But now, everything is solidified," explains Sostomi.

"We kind of reinvented

## Information

### Where you can get tickets

- **Seats.** Don't miss Great Bloomers with Yukon Blonde and Library Voices at Ritual Night-club (137 Besserer St.) at 9 p.m. on Saturday night. Tickets are \$13 through [ticketweb.ca](http://ticketweb.ca)

our whole sound, our approach and everything. So, it took a while to get to where we are but I'm really glad that we took the time to do that."

Likely one of the biggest

accomplishments for Great Bloomers came when the band signed with Dine Alone Records. They plan on releasing their second full-length album through the label this fall.

"We couldn't be in better hands and couldn't be happier with where we are," says Sostomi. "We're in great company."

The label's roster includes acts like City and Colour, Hey Rosetta! and Tokyo Police Club.

When it comes to labels, Dine Alone Records is an extremely tight group, meaning Great Bloomers will get the attention it needs to succeed.

"We know a thing or two about feeling lost in the shuffle; it's happened in the past. But here, it's very hands on. The team is super involved and everyone has been doing so much to make these shows and this tour the best and most productive they could possibly be," says the front man.

Heading into what is bound to be a bright future, the guys in Great Bloomers remain humble.

"We have a pretty modest outlook on the whole thing," says Sostomi. "We're just going to keep doing what we do and hope that takes us where we want to go."

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## SCENE

### Scene in brief

## Alba gets her poetry voice on

Jessica Alba is adding her voice to National Poetry Month, helping to lure children into the art form. Alba is among more than a dozen celebrity parents whose poetry readings are airing on the Disney and Disney Junior channels this month. Readings by Viola Davis, Caroline Kennedy, Liev Schreiber and Katie Holmes are also featured in "A Poem Is ...", a short-form series that sets verse to classic Disney animation. Langston Hughes, Mary Ann Hoberman and May Swenson are among the writers whose work is included. Alba's segment will air April 29, on the Disney Channel.

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### On the web



Surprise! Keith Urban offers a few, gets his own from Vince Gill at All For The Hall concert

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# Dancer turned actress has a taste for the theatrical

**StreetDance 2.** Sofia Boutella has loved performing since she was a kid, when she put on shows for her family

## Quoted

**"I always used a character to create what I needed to do dance-wise. With Madonna, she's always telling stories, so when you dance with her you're an actor as well."**

StreetDance 2 star Sofia Boutella on what she calls her theatrical method of dancing and how that translates into her acting career.

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Sofia Boutella makes a heck of an entrance in StreetDance 2: her character, a salsa dancer named Eva, is introduced in a boxing ring in the middle of a Parisian nightclub, where she does her best million-dollar-baby impression in between some tricky steps.

"The hardest thing was standing for all hours in those Latin heels," she laughs.

"It was truly painful. At first, I thought it was going to be okay, but there was a moment where I wondered if I was going to make it through."

She cooled her heels — literally — with a numbing

spray in between takes and nailed the number — not surprising given her track record as a dancer.

At age 29, Boutella has already done two tours as part of Madonna's troupe, which the Algerian-born performer describes as "the best years of her life;" with Street Dance 2, she's hoping to make the move into acting.

"The way I dance is always very theatrical," she says, explaining the similarity between the two disciplines.

"I always used a character to create what I needed to do dance-wise."

"With Madonna, she's always telling stories, so when you dance with her you're an actor as well," she says.

Boutella traces her love of dance and movement back to her childhood, when she was a "very hyper-active kid."

"I remember my cousin and I always liked to put on shows for our family, to perform for them. We acted like we had a circus in the backyard."

Boutella says that she never lost that sense of fun as she started to dance more seriously, mostly because she enjoys the rigour of learning her steps for a routine.

"I like the discipline. It doesn't mean that it's not fun. I appreciate the seriousness of being focused on something that you really love and trying to achieve something that's inspiring to you."

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Sofia Boutella makes quite the entrance in StreetDance 2, with a routine in a Parisian boxing ring.

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Bonnie Raitt's Slipstream is her first album in seven years. HANDOUT

# Raitt falls into the Slipstream and finds new success

**Returning to the studio.** Bonnie Raitt's latest offering finds her receiving inspiration from an unexpected source



Bonnie Raitt had been thinking about working with Grammy-winning producer Joe Henry for years. And Henry had been kicking around the idea of reaching out to the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer whose voice he has adored forever.

It wasn't until mutual friend Allen Toussaint made a cosmic connection that the two finally got together, launching Raitt on the journey to Slipstream, her first new album in seven years. During a recording session with Aaron Neville, Toussaint coyly suggested that Henry work with Raitt in the future. And when Toussaint speaks, Henry always listens.

"He's not like anybody else

**Quote**

**"He's not like anybody else on this earth."**

Joe Henry speaking about Allen Toussaint

on this earth," Henry said. "He's like Yoda."

The producer called the performer shortly thereafter and, as the great New Orleans producer and performer suspected, the chemistry between Raitt and Henry was dynamite.

"I was about a month away from thinking of calling and I got the contact from my office saying Joe wants to speak to you," Raitt said. "And I just thought it was so synchronistic. It was one of those really great times, a really great phone call."

Slipstream, her 19th album and her first on her own label, Redwing Records, is a mix of styles and flavours. Al Anderson, formerly of NRBQ, contributes three songs and plays on four, acting as a counterpunch to Henry's more sombre songs. And Raitt even offers a reggae version of Gerry Rafferty's Right Down the Line. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**Analysis**

## Inspiration from strange places

Bonnie Raitt really didn't have elaborate expectations when she joined Joe Henry. They thought they'd spend a few days on a handful of songs, but after three days, they had nine.

"It was like the pilot light was on, but he turned the gas up," Raitt said.

They emerged from those sessions with four new cuts for the album: Henry compositions God Only Knows (perhaps the album's standout) and You Can't Fail Me Now (co-written with Loudon Wainwright III) and the Bob Dylan covers Million Miles and Standing in the Doorway. And Raitt emerged aflame with the need to pull her touring band together to cut more tracks. She eventually added eight others to Slipstream and the cuts left over will be released after she completes tours.

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# Norton joins sustainability fight

## Seeing green.

Fight Club star is throwing punches for the environment

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Talking to Edward Norton, his passion for the planet becomes incredibly clear. And the man knows his stuff, serving as an am-

bassador for the United Nations' biodiversity program. And that's aside from co-founding Crowdrise, a social-media-powered fundraising group for charities of all stripes.

**You've done a lot with improving low-income housing. Is that an area where you can apply green initiatives and kill two birds with one stone?**

Definitely. You can apply efficiency and sustainabil-

ity standards to affordable housing, absolutely. And not only is it better for the environment, better for cities, better for the health of residents, but it actually proves to be very cost-efficient. Ultimately, the additional costs associated with doing things in a greener and sustainable way in affordable housing can usually get paid back by the savings from that efficiency within a couple of years.

**Yet a lot of people still assume greener building practices are more expensive.**

Sometimes environmental values get associated with some sort of an elitist choice or a choice that's only available to people of a certain income level, and that's just absolutely not true.

**What are some areas where people would assume it's more expensive to be more green?**

Certain technologies cost more upfront, but as you start to project the operational cost of things not only do those costs get paid back, but over a long-term stretch there's actual savings and cost efficiency in making more sustainable choices in the way that we do things. Smart businesses and smart governments are realizing this themselves and pursuing those efficiencies.

**This green issue is about cities. Can cities be eco-friendly?**

One of the ironies is the density of cities makes people think that they must be energy hogs, but the truth is that on a per capita basis, cities are much more efficient places to live than the suburbs. New York on a per capita basis is probably a much greener city than the average suburb. Certainly more than a city like Phoenix, where you've got



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## Fundraising

### What's this Crowdrise thing all about, anyway?

Edward Norton has been in the news for co-founding Crowdrise, a crowd sourcing charity website. Here, he explains where the idea came from and how the system compares to traditional forms of fundrais-

ing — particularly in the cost-savings department.

"It grew out of many years of having the experience of being involved in causes and realizing painfully that there were a lot of costs associated with fundraising," Norton tells Metro during an interview.

"Sometimes you lose 40 per cent of the money you had raised to the costs of producing the event or the dinner or whatever.

"The service we really want to bring first and foremost through Crowdrise was to give people a way, through these powerful online networking tools, to take ownership of these causes and have impact.

"But we also want to let the organizations achieve this kind of fundraising for costs that were fractional compared to traditional fundraising," he says about Crowdrise.

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Edward Norton is convinced that housing built in a sustainable way is more cost effective. HANDOUT





High Line is an old New York railroad converted into a park — one of many of Norton's projects. HANDOUT

incredible energy expenditure because of the sprawl and the way that the city's built — and the lack of mass transit and all of it.

**We recently talked to the founder of Pirate Bay, who suggested that younger people find green issues outdated and are more**

**interested in problems of free speech.** I don't actually agree with that. I think we're continuing to see a broader

and broader penetration of awareness and concern about ecological sustainability, lost biodiversity, climate change. I think it's one of the few things that is pervasive for all societies. Free speech issues, you can argue, are more important in some places than others. Environmental sustainability is equally important everywhere.

**We write about a system designed to turn human waste into energy. Would you use something like that?**

I think we're going to have to move decisively in that direction. We're going to have to look at solid waste energy as well

as turning waste water and sewage waste to energy. And even beyond energy, I think that water is going to be one of the pressing issues of the 21st and 22nd centuries.

If you look at a place like Singapore, they've already moved completely to where they're not only reusing their municipal sewage stream for irrigation and things like that, but it also contributes to the drinking water supply.

So there's going to be a lot of jokes about it, but there's just no doubt that we're going to have to get better at closing the loop in all ways in terms of reusing our waste stream at every level.

## Earth Day

### Focus on the environment

Norton has been looking to highlight green causes through Crowdrise. "This year, we were talking with some people I work with about Earth Day and trying to think about what could we do on Crowdrise," Norton says. "We're going to let people see a specific sort of campaign and competition that's highlighting great environmental organizations." Visit [crowdrise.com/earthday2012](http://crowdrise.com/earthday2012).

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## DeVito steering towards a better environment

**Eco-conscious.** The Lorax actor is one of the first owners of the first mass-produced electric car, and he's filling his garage with more of the same

Danny DeVito takes keeping green seriously. "We do a lot stuff, like there's no bottled water in our house, and there's no paper towels and there's no napkins — it's all cloth," the actor says.

"The idea is it's a little bit more work but it pays off in the environment in the end.

"We also use recycled toilet paper because I don't know what else to ... operate that func-

tion with."

DeVito's eco thinking may have helped him get into character for his role in animation in The Lorax, based on a Dr. Seuss' classic fable about saving the environment.

But one thing is clear: he's a car junkie with an eye for nature, claiming to be one of the first on his area to get the first mass-produced electric car, the EV1 — or at least get it as a present from wife Rhea

Perlman.

And he's become something of an expert on zero-emissions vehicles.

"Last month I bought a [Nissan] Leaf. I don't have any cars that are gas-guzzlers now in my entire family," says DeVito.

"There's a Chevy Volt out now that has a 40-mile range (65 kilometres) on the electricity, and then the rest you can travel on gas. But I wanted to go all electric."



Danny DeVito isn't just green on screen. GETTY IMAGES



# Kimora Lee Simmons gets in our face

## She's just glowing.

The businesswoman, author, philanthropist, model and television personality takes on a brand new conquest

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Being dubbed the “face of the 21st Century” as a pre-teen model by Karl Lagerfeld would force any young woman to develop thick skin fast.

But while the world recognizes Kimora Lee Simmons as the former headstrong empress behind fashion empire Baby Phat, she has recently taken a turn for the softer side with her new skin-care line, Shinto Clinical.

**You've made this jump from flashier ventures to something more subdued and personal: skin care. Does that signify a recent growth or maturity in your life?**

I never looked at it that way but I guess it is quite accurate when you say it like that. But I look at it more like — I've been in fashion, I've been in the business.

I feel like fashion and

beauty go hand in hand.

So while the essence of the ingredients and the history and what it means is more simplified, I'm giving you the same flash that you would see in any of my lines.

The packaging is tremendous, the smell is great, it's very luxurious.

I'm still giving you that effect and look of a high-end line.

**You're often perceived you as being extremely confident, but is there any part of you that gets nervous when something you've invested so much time in goes international?**

I normally would say no, but since you put it like that — ya. I kind of put my heart and soul into this.

I think that has been part of my success formula.

I've been on the runway since I was 10 years old. I'm famous because of fashion — it's not the other way around. I'm not famous because of some sort of behaviour or some sort of shock value. People are tired of people making their riches off public humiliation.

People want some genuineness and transparency. I know my products, I know the lab, I know my chemist, I know my factories, I know the people who work in them, I know what's going on and I think you can tell that from the BS.

**Everything you touch seems to turn to gold. To make us all feel better about ourselves, is there any job**



**you think you wouldn't be good at?**

No. I'm sure I could think of something crazy like construction — but any reasonable thing that you could give me and I could give you, I think that we should assume that we can conquer it.

Women are very strong, very resilient, even far beyond what you think on the surface.

Any situation we get ourselves in, I think nine times out of 10, we're going to make it way better.

**As your children grow older, particularly your daughters, what's one thing you hope to teach them about beauty?**

My girls are 9 and 12 so we're already getting into that kind of thing. They have a routine — they wash their face with very gentle cleanser. I don't want them to get too much into skin treatments and fancy skin care, but I think the most important thing is just to wash your face. They wash their faces twice a day, wash and moisturize if their skin is dry and always use a sunscreen.

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Kimora Lee Simmons will launch her nine-item skin-care line on the Shopping Channel, April 14.

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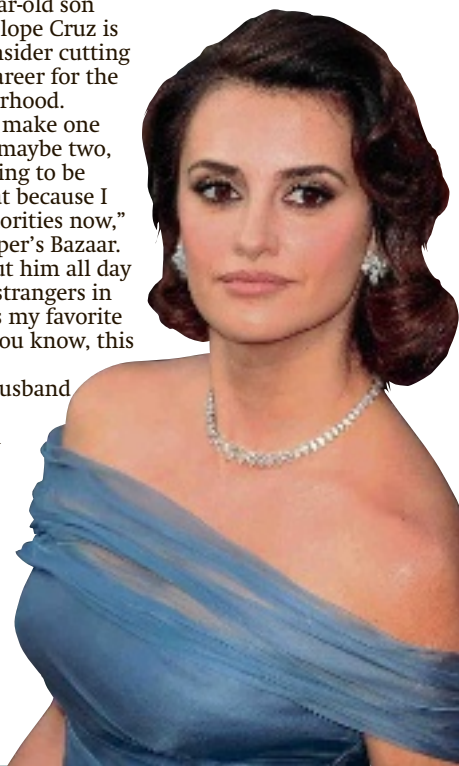
## More mothering, less acting for Cruz

With a one-year-old son at home, Penelope Cruz is starting to consider cutting back on her career for the sake of motherhood.

"Maybe I'll make one movie a year, maybe two, but it's not going to be more than that because I have other priorities now," Cruz tells Harper's Bazaar.

"I talk about him all day long, even to strangers in the street. It is my favorite subject! But, you know, this is my job."

Cruz and husband Javier Bardem welcomed son Leonardo last year.



## Is the Seal/Klum divorce getting ugly?

Seal is striking back at Heidi Klum, reportedly disputing her divorce petition, according to TMZ.

The main issue he takes with her filing? Seal insists there are "community and quasi-community assets" that need to be divided up, while Klum claims a postnuptial agreement addresses that. In addition, Klum cites January 19 as the official start of their separation, while Seal says the date hasn't been determined.

Seal is also asking for joint physical custody of their children instead of Klum's proposed full physical custody.

"Given that he's away a lot on tour, giving her primary physical custody is pretty much status quo," the source says.

And both parties are reportedly asking to deny spousal support to the other. Klum is worth an estimated \$70 million, while Seal is worth \$15 million.

# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

### The Word

## A little background on J. Lo's gift to Casper Smart



THE WORD  
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For Tuesday's Word, I wrote about Jennifer Lopez, 42, gifting beau/backup dancer Casper Smart, 25, with a custom white Dodge pickup truck for his birthday.

Apparently, Lopez "knew that Casper really wanted a truck, and Casper was very excited about the generous gift," a source told People magazine. "Casper was so excited about his new truck that he decided to drive it to dinner. She was smiling about Casper's excitement."

In the column, I made a crack about how: 1) That "source" sounded like a quote-giving robot and 2) How I was surprised that Lopez didn't buy him a Fiat considering all the shilling she does for the car manufacturer. This was the incorrect joke to make. Please check out the following reader mail:

*"You may need to do some more digging. Chrysler/Dodge/Ram are owned in part by Fiat which helped bailout Chrysler!! That is why he got a Ram Truck from J. Lo and not a Ford F-150!!!"*



*"Did you really not know that Fiat and Dodge are both owned by Chrysler LLC, when you wrote that J-Lo dreck?"*

*"I feel obligated to point out that Fiat holds a considerable financial and developmental stake in Chrysler (who makes Dodge and Jeep vehicles). It wouldn't be too much of a stretch to assume she used an 'employee discount' (if any money was spent at all) on that Dodge truck."*

In my defence, I am only a semi-good looking recycler of celebrity gossip, not a hard-hitting journalist who knows the ins-and-outs of the car industry. However, thanks to my eagle-eyed readers, who do know such things, we all now know that this "news item" and "gift" was a total plant by Fiat and that truck was totally free in exchange for press. And, really, do celebrities ever pay for anything? Or do they just have to save their cash for when they will inevitably need a high-priced divorce lawyer?



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## Princess Diana wanted to star in Bodyguard sequel, says Costner

Kevin Costner reveals there were plans for a sequel to The Bodyguard — with Princess Diana interested in starring as herself.

"Diana and I had been talking about doing Bodyguard 2," Costner tells Anderson Cooper in an interview set to air next month.

"I told her I would take care of her just the same way that I took care of

Whitney (Houston)."

And though the late Princess had no professional acting experience, Costner was eager to work with her.

"She wanted me to write it for her. I said, 'I'll tailor it for you if you're interested.' She goes, 'I am interested,'" Costner remembers, revealing that he received a draft of the script the day before Diana lost her life in 1997.

## Bobbi Kristina agrees to reality show: Report

Bobbi Kristina Brown, the daughter of late singer Whitney Houston, has reportedly made a verbal deal to star in a reality TV series, ac-

cording to Radar Online.

"This show is being done against her family's advice," a source says. Brown, who is reportedly dealing with her own substance-abuse issues, is "obviously very wild and misguided," the source adds.

"Bobbi is scared the world will label her just like her mother."

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## LIFE

### Style file

## Colour me trendy

Most of us can pair one bold colour with another - it just takes a little confidence. But colour blocking, that's more of an art, and it's one to be mastered this spring season.

The highest standard of colour blocking was set by Yves Saint Laurent, who transferred the graphic, pop-art look of painter Piet Mondrian onto fabric. The YSL look was an instant hit as it fit so nicely into the fresh, no-frills mod fashions of the mid 1960s.

• A general definition of colour blocking is the pairing of chunks of contrasting colours.

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### On the Web



Christian Dior names Belgian designer Raf Simons as its new artistic director

**Go ahead, let it pour.**  
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Spring has sprung and the world is... wet? As Canadians we've learned how to rock any climate, and the soggy days of the season are no exception.

This year however, retailers have taken rain gear up a notch — and are giving us no choice but to dance through every downpour.

"Colour is huge this spring," says Sears trend director Cynthia Florek.

"We're seeing the trench updated in electric colours like blue, green and coral or through interesting textures and effects like micro-suede perforations and neutral colour blocking."

Boots, umbrellas and other permeable pairables have followed suit, so take stock of this gorgeous gear.



I'm only happy when it rains. JOE FRESH

### On trend

"The trench is the perfect outerwear piece to transition into spring... And anoraks, anoraks, anoraks — spring must-have! I love the Joe Fresh nylon anorak over a tulip dress with pretty pumps — très chic!"

Adrienne Shoom  
Style Director at Joe Fresh



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# Needs: Bottoms, Betty dresses and beads

**Fashion editor's finds.** Check out what's on the very top of stylists' must-buy lists this spring season

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### Editor Approved

Amid the bombshell models and trendy wardrobe, Express, which recently opened stores across Canada, has made a practical pair of trousers their signature item.

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Express has sold more than 19-million pairs so far. The Editor polyester-blend trouser, from \$78. [express.com](http://express.com)

### Joan Harris Returns



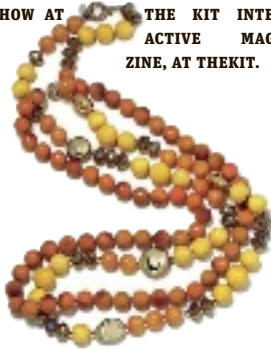
Joan, the collection boasts the best from the show's leading ladies.

Banana Republic Mad Men Collection silk Betty Dress, \$185. [bananarepublic.ca](http://bananarepublic.ca)

### One-Minute Miracle

Pile on the beads. A little boho, a little deco, a little ladylike: we view this season's runway trend of multi-strand necklaces as a quick and easy way to update the simplest of wardrobe pieces. Quartz and crystal beads, \$395, [kumaris.ca](http://kumaris.ca)

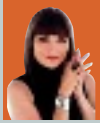
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After months of anticipation (and withdrawal), the Mad Men franchise has returned.

Celebrating the new season, Banana Republic teamed up with the show's costumer Janie Bryant for a 1960s-style collaboration. From Betty Draper-inspired eye lit dresses to bold, colourful confections à la

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**@Jeanne\_Beker:** So surreal. This dream is over: After 27 glorious years, FT production ceased today. So sad to see some of my closest colleagues move on.

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Can't wait to see what you do next, Jeanne! :

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This makes me sad :(

**@Jeanne\_Beker:** But life's about change! We have to embrace that. NEW dreams now. Looking forward to working with Bellmedia + evolving the FT brand.



**@Jeanne\_Beker:** With the stellar @ElleMacpherson, in T.O. to chat up beauty for Revlon + her new Fashion Star show.



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# Your own personal oasis

**Lifestyle.** Outdoor renovations are growing in scope

LEE  
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For Metro

With the glorious, but all too short days of summer just around the corner, homeowners are turning their home renovation focus to the great outdoors. Yes, even with Canada's cooler climate and short summer season, the outdoor lifestyle is definitely catching on. And by "outdoor lifestyle," we aren't just talking about resin chairs, gas barbecues and cedar decks.

"It's no surprise that we're seeing a definite shift from inside to outside the house right now," says Kyle Pickett, store manager, Lowe's Improvement Warehouse (Hazledean). "Outdoor renos are growing in scope. People are excited about creating attractive, fun and practical outdoor living areas, whether their 'ideal' is a stone patio, a sun deck or private, fenced-in garden. We do our best to inspire customers to see the vision of their



Create your own outdoor kitchen so you can spend time enjoying the fresh air during the spring and summer. JUPITERIMAGES/COMSTOCK/THINKSTOCK

entire project, not just the various stages of it."

Here are just a few ideas you might want to build on.

## Hello dream deck

The days of the modest square deck are gone. With a wider range of materials and design plans to choose from, the sky is the limit for creating personal space that's just right for your lifestyle.

In addition to traditional wood products, you will find durable, low-maintenance composite materials that

are designed to last. And if you are worried about blocking your view of the garden, many types of contemporary railings are available with see-through slats or glass. If you are looking to add a little "wow" factor to your dream deck, consider adding a hot tub — perfect for parties and for soothing sore muscles.

## Screening out the pests

Why spend your time slapping mosquitoes when you could be sipping mojitos?

More homeowners are

## Benefits of built-ins

- If you are considering a new deck, why not include built-ins in the plans? Built-in benches not only provide additional seating, but also double as storage units for everything from gardening tools and hoses to cushions and barbecuing utensils.

turning to screened-in porches to create alfresco entertaining areas that deliver the best of summer while keeping out unwelcome guests such as wasps, bees and mosquitoes. Throw in some funky overstuffed furniture, a table and a decent sound system and you have a comfortable room for entertaining or an inviting oasis for simply chilling out.

## Taking the kitchen outside

If you love cooking and spending time outdoors, you can always create your own outdoor kitchen, complete with built-in grill, storage cabinets and counters. You can keep it simple and stick with the basics, or create a fully equipped kitchen with a sink, refrigerator and eating area.

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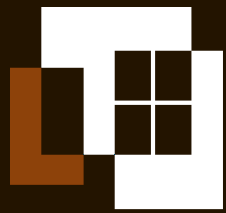


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# Deck out your backyard in style

**Choices.** Consider different materials other than wood, and choose between contractor or DIY

**TIM AVERY**  
For Metro

If you find gas prices daunting or didn't manage to get your dubs in on your dream cottage back in February, maybe you should consider a "staycation" this summer on a backyard deck.

Lawrence Winterburn, founder and principal designer of GardenStructure.com, estimates the average cost for a deck in the Toronto area is between \$7,000 and \$15,000.

Rosario Ungaro of Deck Builders by Benchmark says one can be had for as little as \$3,600 to \$5,000, if it is constructed of pressure-treated

lumber, the cheapest option.

Pressure-treated lumber lasts 10 to 15 years with or without finish, Winterburn says.

Ungaro notes cedar is a slightly more expensive option, but Winterburn warns not all cedar decks are equal.

"Western Red Cedar is the standard. Without stain it will last nearly 20 years, and if you pre-finish and maintain the stain, you could see closer to 40 years."

Ungaro says the hot trend

is for considerably more expensive composite materials, especially PVC (polyvinyl chloride), because of its durability and low maintenance requirements.

Speaking of expense, Winterburn notes financing is usually only available through larger companies that sub-contract the work to another company and mark up the contract 10 to 15 per cent.

Most people get a line of credit or put it on a credit card.

How about doing it your-

self? Ungaro says the DIY route can save you about 40 per cent of the cost. But be careful, Winterburn says.

"I've seen some very serious DIY builders in my day, and many did overbuild. If they have a sum total of five years experience, have read about the craft extensively, you may be able to build like the pros."

"Do your research, build well and take your time and you will build a beautiful deck. If you have a talented carpenter as a friend you could ask

them to work with you on the project. You will quickly realize that there is more to it than just nailing boards together."

How long can a homeowner expect the job to take?

Winterburn says simple decks can be built in a day or two, while more elaborate decks can take two to four weeks.

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# Turn your bathroom from drab to fab with easy fixes

**Bathroom renos.**  
Update your space without spending a lot of time or money

Bathrooms are often one of the last rooms to get updated in a house. If wall-to-wall shag carpeting and squeaky faucets best describe your bathroom, it may be time to give it a facelift.

Whether you are looking for a complete overhaul or just some decorative do-it-yourself updates, these ideas provided by The Home Depot Canada are sure to help:

**Combine style and function**  
Replacing a bathroom vanity is an easy way to dramatically change the space. Whether your style is contemporary or shabby chic, The Martha Stewart Living line offers a range of stylish options with ample storage space.

**Fancy a faucet**  
Installing a high-efficiency bathroom faucet can reduce water usage by up to 30 per

## Punch of style

- **Make a splash.** Updating a bathroom's backsplash is an inexpensive and easy way to add a punch of style to this often drab space. Easy-to-use backsplash panels can be installed over existing tiles using adhesive or double-sided tape.

cent, which is not only a smart environmental choice, but will save on water bills too. Standard faucets use 2.2 gallons of water per minute while high-efficiency faucets, such as the American Standard cadet faucet, can use as little as 1.5.

**Brighten the bathroom**  
Make existing white fixtures pop with rich blue walls or complement dark cabinetry with a stylish shade of light gray. When selecting paint for a bathroom, consider options that are moisture- and mildew-resistant. These high-performing paints will last the test of time. **NEWS CANADA**



Replace the bathroom vanity or make white fixtures pop with a stylish splash of paint to dramatically change the space. **NEWS CANADA**

## Hardwood. The nostalgic look of old-world wood floors are back in vogue

More Canadians are going back to a simpler time with their home decor choices and it's all starting with their floors. They are ushering in the welcoming charm and warmth of antique and wire-brushed nostalgic hardwood floors to set the tone for their decors.

"As the home construction and renovation industry continues to grow, architects, builders, and realtors are seeing a boom in demand from discerning homeowners for the warmth and luxury of old-world wood floors," said Tom Gormley, president of Silhouette Hardwood Flooring.

The demand for older looking waxed or oiled floors has led to a number of companies offering synthetic oiled floors instead of urethane.

Unfortunately, there are inherent maintenance issues associated with oiled floors, said Gormley. Stains from spills and scratches occur all too easily with this type of finish due to their lack of hardness and their negative reaction to even small drops of water, requiring consumers to regularly sand and re-



Antique, wire-brushed floors are timeless and distinct. **NEWS CANADA**

oil the affected areas.

Silhouette's Nostalgic line of low-gloss wood floors provides the appearance of pre-finished hardwoods, without the maintenance hassles. Its antique, wire-brushed appearance makes it a floor that is timeless and distinct.

"This floor gives you the benefits of a regular pre-finished floor with the resurgently popular old antique look, but without all the maintenance issues," Gormley said. **NEWS CANADA**

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# Top tips for a neat, healthy home

Spring is a season associated with many things: Rubber boots worn on rainy days, anticipation of the first blooming flower, and, of course, spring cleaning.

The winter season causes most people to stay hibernating in their homes, shutting out the cold weather — and shutting in germs.

Here are a few facts to consider before you start your spring cleaning.

## Germ can live in the air

Having poor indoor air quality can result in symptoms such as allergies, asthma and headaches.

A professional cleaning of the air handling system will help remove dirt, dust, mould and mildew from the air that may be making you sick. Sears technicians use one of the most powerful and effective air duct cleaning systems on the market; their electron-

ic air cleaners are 95 per cent efficient down to one micron.

## Carpets can be dirty

Did you know the average carpet is about 4,000 times dirtier than your toilet seat?

Sears recommends that you clean your carpets every six months because having carpets cleaned regularly and professionally will prevent the spread of dirt and germs in homes. In order to make

your life easier, Sears offers a two-step deep clean service that is most recommended by North America's leading carpet manufacturers.

## Hardwood easy to clean

Hardwood floors are generally easier to keep clean than carpets.

Hardwood flooring keeps the dirt at the surface, easing concerns about deep-embedded bacteria. Try lightening

up your home in tandem with the season and replacing dingy carpets with beautiful, easy-to-care-for hardwood flooring. Sears Home Services offers all types of options, including pre-finished hardwood, cork, vinyl and laminate flooring.

More information about how to ensure your home gets germ-free for spring can be found through Sears Home Services. **NEWS CANADA**





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## Roof maintenance key in the spring

**Assess damage.** The exterior of your home can take a beating in the winter months

- Check out your roof's surface to see if there are curled, cracked, or missing shingles. Greater shingle damage increases the likelihood that your home may experience leaks during bad weather.

With spring now upon us it becomes increasingly more appealing to be outdoors, so why not take time to assess the damage Old Man Winter may have inflicted on your home?

The exterior of a house can take quite a beating, as it shields you and your family from the rain, snow, and chilly winds. Now is the time to make the necessary repairs to your roof.

Ensuring your roof is in good shape protects your home in more ways than just an overhead shelter. A well-maintained roofing system can protect your home from leaks, which in turn prevents damage to your home.

Here are a few helpful hints to make sure your roof is in top condition.

- Analyze for other signs of wear to your roofing system, including damaged flashing, valleys, or caulking. Damage to these areas can be problematic, as these roofing components are used to protect the parts of your roof that are most vulnerable to leaks.
- Look at your home's roof-top vents. These features ensure your attic space gets the ventilation it needs. Improper ventilation from damaged or missing vents can impact your home's air circulation, as well as the longevity of your shingles.

If you are uneasy about heading up to the roof yourself, or unsure of what to look for, hire a trained professional. **NEWS CANADA**



# Gearing up for major renovations

## Home projects.

Develop a priority list of what projects should be tackled first and take time to find the right renovator

**RICHARD WOODBURY**  
For Metro

With the weather warming up, now is the time of year when people start looking at doing some renovations to their home. While simple jobs such as painting and caulking can be done by anybody, in the case of major home renovations, it's best to leave the project in the hands of professionals.

"Renovations are usually pretty dusty, they're pretty dirty and it's best to let the pros handle them," says Paul Pettipas, CEO of the Nova Scotia Home Builders' Association.

Given major home renovations — such as upgrading the electrical work or building an addition — are not done over a weekend, getting the job

### Get it in writing

- Major home renovations are a large investment, so be sure to work with a contract that clearly spells out key details such as the materials and products to be used and warranty specifics. A sample contract by the Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation can be found at [bit.ly/6kMYa](http://bit.ly/6kMYa).

done in a timely manner can be difficult for people.

Most people often have many projects they would like to complete. Pettipas recommends coming up with a priority list and focusing on the structural things first.

"You want to do the things that are really affecting your lifestyle and ... affecting the long-term use of your home," he says. "Fix those first."

It might be tempting to install a new countertop or flooring, but if the roof is leaking, the focus should be the roof.

Finding the right person for the job is crucial, as a poorly done job could end up costing you more down the road.



Finding the right renovator is crucial, since a poorly done job could end up costing you more down the road. HUNTSTOCK/THINKSTOCK

Pettipas recommends talking to friends, neighbours and colleagues to get some recommendations. Then, meet with some renovators to see if they are the right person for the

job. Be sure to get references.

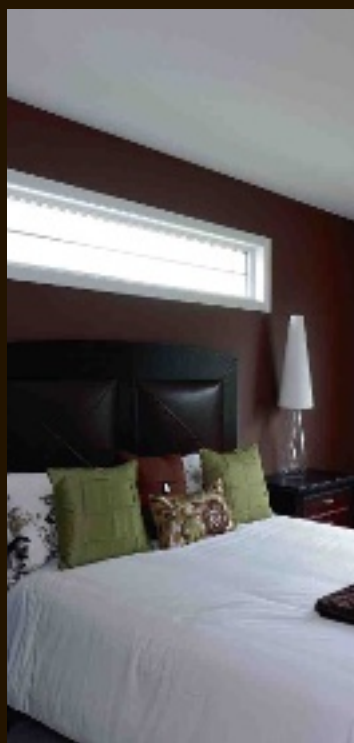
Pettipas recommends asking references one key question: If you had to do it again, would you hire that renovator? Look for potential red

flags, such as if they don't want to talk about past jobs or they want a large down payment.

"What you don't want to hear are things like, 'I want 50

to 75 per cent up front, I want cash, I'm not going to give you a receipt,'" says Pettipas.

A reputable renovator will only ask for about 10 to 20 per cent for a down payment.



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# Match it up: Does this go with that?

**Decor ideas.** How to match your home decor for a beautiful coordinated look



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Like most decor enthusiasts, I prefer to space out my decorating projects and not do it all at once. This gives me a chance to stand back and reflect on my choices. Plus, it's easier on the pocketbook.

But one danger of decorating in stages is that some people may lose focus of the overall look they're trying to achieve. Here's a brief guide to help you get inspired and stay on track:

## Fabrics and paint

Start with the largest pattern in each room. In the bedroom, it's the duvet cover/

bedding; in the living room it's the sofa; in the bathroom it's the shower curtain.

The second major colour you see in the pattern is the one you match with accessories in the room, and the third colour in the pattern is used for the wall colour.

If there is not a pattern or colour used in your fabric choices then you have a monochromatic colour scheme (all variants of the same colour). In this case, choose the same colour for accessories and wall colours, but choose lighter or darker versions to make things more interesting.

## Windows

Shades should blend with the window's framing. If your window trims are white, choose a white window shade. If you have wood window trims, then choose taupe, brown or wood shades.

Draperies should always match the walls. A shade lighter or darker than your

paint colour will make them a mainstay classic in the room's decor.

## Rugs

Match your area rugs to any artwork you have (or are attracted to). If you like rich Van Gogh-style art, choose richly patterned Persian-style rugs to blend in. If you gravitate toward modern

black and white art, choose neutral area rugs in very light or very dark tones.

## Lighting

If you are having trouble choosing a lampshade, try matching it to the frames on your walls. If you have dark brown or black frames, choose the same colour for lampshades.

A plain white lampshade

will always work but can be a little boring, especially in a room where deeper, darker tones are being used.

## Kitchens

The colour of your kitchen backsplash should blend with the upper and lower cabinetry. This will encourage the eye to travel vertically without interruption. For

instance, if you have deep-cherry-wood-toned cabinets, your backsplash could be a ruddy brown slate to match.

Countertops should get the same colouring and tones of your appliances. If you've chosen stainless-steel appliances with black trims, a grey-toned counter with dark specs or veining would be perfect.



Decor rules: Draperies should blend with the wall colour and your style of artwork should inspire the look of your area rugs. CRATEANDBARREL.CA

# Small spaces, big ambitions

**Feeling square-foot challenged?** A few l'il tips for making small spaces stylish and more comfortable

Small may be in when it comes to homes, but that doesn't mean it's easy to decorate. A few simple guidelines, however, can turn a small space from Dilemma to De-Lovely.

Maxwell Gillingham-Ryan, founder of the decor blog Apartment Therapy and author of *The Big Book of Small, Cool Spaces* (Clarkson Potter, 2010), thinks it's all about light.

"The single most powerful influencer in a room is the lighting," he says.

Every room should have three sources of illumination, which will bounce off walls and create a visual expanse, Gillingham-Ryan says. Track lighting is a good alternative to free-standing fixtures if space is a problem.

"Track has really improved in the past few years. You don't have to buy a big section with large lights; there are many smaller, attractive options," he says.

Rather than buy adjustable



A small sunroom. BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

furniture for a multi-purpose small space, "it's better to find good pieces that do what they're supposed to," he says. For example, instead of an ottoman with a lid that flips into a tray, buy a great ottoman and a great tray. "You'll appreciate both pieces so much more."

Gillingham-Ryan suggests limiting the colour palette of a small room. He likes off-white in all its iterations, with bright white on ceilings. "Keep floors dark — they're calming and grounding, and will make the walls seem higher," he says.

Use accessories, such as a

great rug, to add colour. "You can't change your square footage, but you can change the way the space feels," he says.

Elaine Griffin, a New York-based designer and author of *Design Rules* (Gotham, 2009), says a welcoming foyer is near the top of her list for small spaces.

"It's an important part of the psychological experience of coming home. I like to create a 'faux foyer' by sitting a decorative cube or box adjacent to the door with a tray for mail, and perhaps a shelf above for keys, a flower and a fragrant candle. Mount a mirror above the shelf," she says.

In the living area, "avoid the temptation to put your sofa on the long wall. Put it on the short wall, and you'll have more room to create decor zones," Griffin says. Loveseats — popular purchases for small apartments — are "a no-no. Truthfully, they only sit one. Go for the better-proportioned 72-to-76-inch 'apartment-sized' sofa."

In tiny bathrooms, Griffin says, "I'm a big fan of wall-mountable, square mini-shelves, which I station in multiples behind the door. Save the most visible space above the toilet for art."

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## Creative with storage

**'Take time to plan and don't buy what you don't need'**

Janice Simonson, IKEA's design spokesperson, weighs in on making small spaces beautiful and functional: "Often people only look at the 'foot-print' of the room," she says. "Look for space on the verticals — railings, hooks and shelves on doors and walls can hold baskets and clothing, and serve as drying areas for laundry."

She thinks many people err by buying too much storage, ending up with more stuff that takes

space.

"Take the time to plan; don't buy anything till you've moved in and unpacked, to see what's needed," she says.

Some other general tips:

- Downsize. What do you need and what can you live without? Rip all your CDs to a hard drive, then sell or donate them. Get rid of anything you rarely use.

- Sight lines are important. Benches, open shelves, furniture with legs, light materials — these help the eye perceive a room as more spacious.

- Mobilize. Rolling tables and carts can serve as dining, work or play pieces.

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Bright spring flowers are bravely poking their little heads out of the soil. Take inspiration from this new life to freshen up your home's decor.

KENYA HUNT

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## ways to give your home some spring



### Cover that dark couch in a bright, custom slipcover

The Sweden-based company Bemz (Bemz.com) offers a boatload of slipcovers for every possible Ikea sofa, bed, chair, pillow or cushion imaginable. The selection is impressive because of its sheer size and quality (these things will make your Ikea look three times more expensive.) They even have designer options by Marimekko among others. And they ship internationally.

### Swap out your accessories

If you have a neutral colour palette in your home, then swapping out accessories such as area rugs, pillows, curtains and seat covers is a good idea. It's a low-cost approach to the apartment makeover. Replace the sheepskin on the living room floor with a light, floral printed rug or the velvet pillows with something in seersucker, for instance. If you're looking for colourful graphics, try Yoox (yoox.com) for fashionable rugs and pillows.



### Add some greenery

Plants are cheaper than cut flowers, look just as attractive, and help improve the air quality in your home.

Line your entrance hallway with low-maintenance, dramatic looking floor plants such as Monstera to create a summery greenhouse vibe.

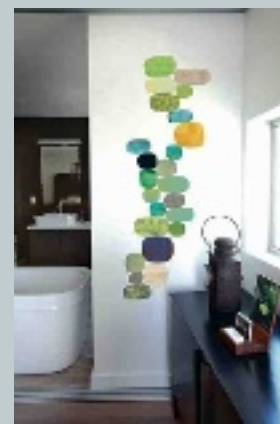


### Spice up your walls

Painting those seasonal accent walls is a nice idea in theory, but a pain when you're a renter who will have to worry about living the place bright white when you move out.

Blik (whatisblik.com), a California-based firm makes self-adhesive wall art that will add colour to your place without damaging your landlord's property.

Choose from a range that includes Keith Haring inspired pop graphics to zen tiles by artist Rex Ray or make your own graphics.



### Paint your doors

It's a simple, not-too-labour-intensive and unexpected way to add a pop of colour to your home.

Try giving each door in your place a different hue for a colour block-y theme.

And, if you're really adventurous, add contrasting coloured trim.



### Dust begets more dust

## Ready for a dust-up with those bunnies?



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Dear Charles the Butler, I am finding it very difficult to do more than "move dust around" when I dust. A lot has to do with static electricity, as the problem is worse on or near electronics such as the TV or DVD player.

I am concerned about the use of water or furniture polishes on some types of wood and wood finishes, as I ruined some pieces a while back using polish. I do like a clean place. Can you help? Robin

Hello Robin, As I am sure you have all heard me say many times before, dust is both a never-ending duty, and the world today has more dust in it than it has ever had before.

So dealing with the dust is important as it continues to build up and can lead to some big dust bunnies.

Remember that even if you don't use a certain room in your house, you still need to dust that space on a regular basis because dust attracts more dust. Thus, keeping up with this task helps to keep life simpler.

And the selfish result is that it makes dusting easier the more often we do it. Here are some dusting tips:

1. Dust often.
2. Don't use chemical dusting sprays as they often have silicone in them and this

builds up on your furniture, and attracts more dust.

3. My personal trick that works perfectly and is used by curators in museums to clean delicate items is to wet your hands just a little, then dry them on a cotton cloth (only 100 per cent cotton).

This process makes the cotton cloth the perfect humidity to "damp dust" — but remember to use very little or no water.

The cloth should be only humid to pick up the dust perfectly.

What's great about this is that there are no chemicals, and the cotton cloths can be cleaned in the washing machine and re-used.

Give this a try and let us know how it works for you.

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Throw on some music and do a little dusting dance around your house (clothing optional). ISTOCK



# Reclaim Sunday dinner with dishes the family can bond over

1. Remove sausages from casings and crumble. In a large skillet over high heat, brown sausage. Transfer to paper towels to drain. Wipe the fat out of the pan.

2. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook until al dente (if using

rigatoni or orecchiette, cook for 8 minutes; if using penne, cook for 9 minutes).

3. Heat olive oil and garlic in wiped-out skillet over medium-high heat until garlic is golden.

4. Add broccoli rabe, red pepper flakes and salt and cook for 5 minutes, stirring a few times.

5. Add sausage and butter and cook over high heat for 5 minutes, stirring a few times.

6. Drain pasta, reserving 250 ml (1 cup) of the cooking water and transfer pasta to skillet.

7. Mix well, adding water if pasta seems too dry. Pour into a large warm serving bowl, sprinkle cheese over top and serve.

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## Ingredients

8 to 10 portions

- 1 kg (2 lb) Italian sausage
- 1 kg (2 lb) rigatoni, penne or orecchiette
- 250 ml (1 cup) extra-virgin olive oil
- 6 cloves garlic, crushed into a paste
- 1.5 g (3 lb) broccoli rabe, stems trimmed and cut into 2.5-cm (1-inch) pieces
- 5 ml (1 tsp) red pepper flakes
- 5 ml (1 tsp) sea salt
- 60 ml (4 tbsp/1/2 stick) unsalted butter
- 250 ml (1 cup) grated Pecorino Romano

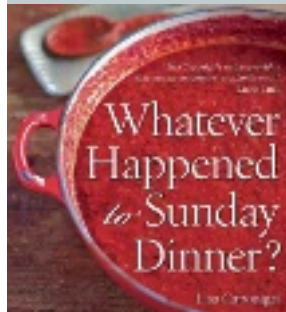
## Pasta con Salsicce e Broccoli



This recipe serves eight to 10 people. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

## Cookbook of the Week

### Whatever Happened to Sunday Dinner?



Lisa Caponigri has released *Whatever Happened to Sunday Dinner?* to give families recipes they can easily cook and enjoy together.

Caponigri has devised 52 delicious Italian menus — one for each Sunday of the year — that feature classics like crostini, lasagne, polenta, stuffed peppers, veal piccata, risotto alla Milanese, and ricotta pie.

There are also many surprises like Woodman's pasta and Italian french fries — and traditional, treasured dishes from her own family's kitchen, such as Nana's Strufoli and Grandma Caponigri's Ragu Sauce. **METRO**

## Medaglione di Agnello con Prosciutto. Italian lamb

1. In a large skillet, melt 30 ml (2 tbsp) of the butter over medium heat. Add prosciutto slices and warm through for 2 minutes. Transfer to a plate and cover with aluminum foil.

2. With a 5-cm (2-inch) round biscuit cutter, cut a round out of each slice of

bread. Discard trimmings.

3. Melt 30 ml (2 tbsp) of the butter in the same skillet over medium heat. Add bread rounds (you may need to do this in two batches) and brown until golden on both sides. Remove to a paper towel-lined plate and keep warm in the oven on low or cover with alum-

inum foil.

4. In the same skillet, melt remaining 90 ml (6 tbsp) butter over medium heat. Add lamb and cook for no more than 2 minutes per side. Season to taste with sea salt and pepper on both sides as you cook.

5. Place bread rounds on a serving platter and top each with a slice of prosciutto. Place a lamb medallion on each.

6. Add wine to skillet, turn heat to high and deglaze pan, scraping up all the browned bits stuck to the bottom. Cook for 2 to 3 min-

## Ingredients

8 to 10 portions

- 150 ml (10 tbsp/1 stick plus 2 tbsp) unsalted butter, divided
- 12 thin slices prosciutto
- 12 slices white bread, crusts removed

- 12 lamb chops, about 2.5 cm (1 inch) thick, cut off bone, bone removed
- Sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 250 ml (1 cup) white wine

utes to reduce wine slightly. Pour over lamb and serve.

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## SPECIAL INFORMATION FEATURE

# Spring in your step

**Taste of a new season.** Muskoka Brewery launches its inaugural Legendary Spring Oddity



**JEFF O'REILLY**  
For Metro

Spring is a marvellous time of year as the sights and sounds that surround us are full of new life.

The days are longer and warmer as we enter a time of year filled with promise and hope — more OMG! than WTF?

Everything just seems brighter. The air is crisp and clean, and as you breathe it in you become filled with a sense of adventure entering the season that brings us the welcome return of playoff hockey, baseball, skirts and patios.

Spring fever — it's time to get outside and make the

most of what life has to offer.

The Muskoka Brewery has launched its inaugural Legendary Spring Oddity with an unexpected combination of ingredients, and promises that each vintage year will be completely new, original and unique, much like spring itself.

With Muskoka taking its inspiration from the early settlers of the 1800s and their encounters with never before seen natural phenomenon that would suddenly appear after a long winter's cold, I am left to wonder about how many bewildering unsolved mysteries still remain unexplained to this day. The Bermuda Triangle? Bigfoot? UFOs? The Loch Ness Monster? Ghosts? A Christmas record winning the Juno for Canadian album of the year?



Jo and Kevin raise a toast with Legendary Muskoka Spring Oddity at the quirky and fun Manx Pub. JEFF O'REILLY/FOR METRO

Huh??? Anyhow, back to the beer.

Muskoka Spring Oddity (eight per cent alcohol by volume, 750 mL, \$9.95 LCBO) pours a pale, golden apricot with voluminous, white foam cap into a large snifter. The spicy nose of specialty Belgian yeast is prominent with floral and medicinal herbaceous notes dancing in the background. The taste is complex, rich and surprisingly balanced. It starts with soft, caramel malty smoothness, moving to the delicious, astringent gin flavours of the

juniper berries and tanginess of the heather with hints of citrus and orange zest before the slightly bitter and subtle, sour bite of the yeast carries on throughout and playfully lingers until the end. The mouth feel is very smooth, almost creamy and warming, perfectly carbonated and a delicious tribute to Belgian ales and the season that brings Ottawa to life. It will definitely put some spring in your step.

(Tip: Serve slightly warmer (6 C to 8 C) to appreciate all the nuances that can be found here.)

## Wine. Excellent value found with Argentine selections



**SUSAN DESJARDINS**  
For Metro



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**Chakana 'Yaguareté Collection' Bonarda 2010, Argentina (LCBO #3525, \$12.95)**

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An organic wine, ripe and fruity with a core of dark, juicy fruit.

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Smoothly textured with a bushel of dark berry fruit — try it out!

There is great value to be had among the Argentine wines featured in the April 14 LCBO Vintages release, from full-bodied red wines like Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon or Bonarda to flavourful whites. Consider an organic or biodynamic wine from the eco-friendly feature.

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Fruity, floral, rich and gutsy — go for it!

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**Boston Bruins**

## Horton likely to miss the playoffs

Bruins forward Nathan Horton is expected to miss the Stanley Cup playoffs because of a concussion.

Horton suffered the injury Jan. 22 in a game against the Philadelphia Flyers and has not played since.

The 26-year-old had three game-winning goals in last year's Stanley Cup run, but he missed the final four games of the championship series against Vancouver after suffering a concussion in Game 3.

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**Chicago Blackhawks**

## Toews expected to play Game 1

Chicago captain Jonathan Toews is expected to play in the opening game of the Blackhawks' playoff series against the Phoenix Coyotes on Thursday. He missed the final 22 games of the regular season because of a concussion.

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Jonathan Toews at practice on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Davis Cup**

## Canada to play South Africa

Milos Raonic likes Canada's chances against South Africa in a critical Davis Cup tennis playoff later this year.

Raonic, from Thornhill, Ont., is expected to lead the Canadian team into the best-of-five tie. Canada must win in order to remain in the World Group for 2013.

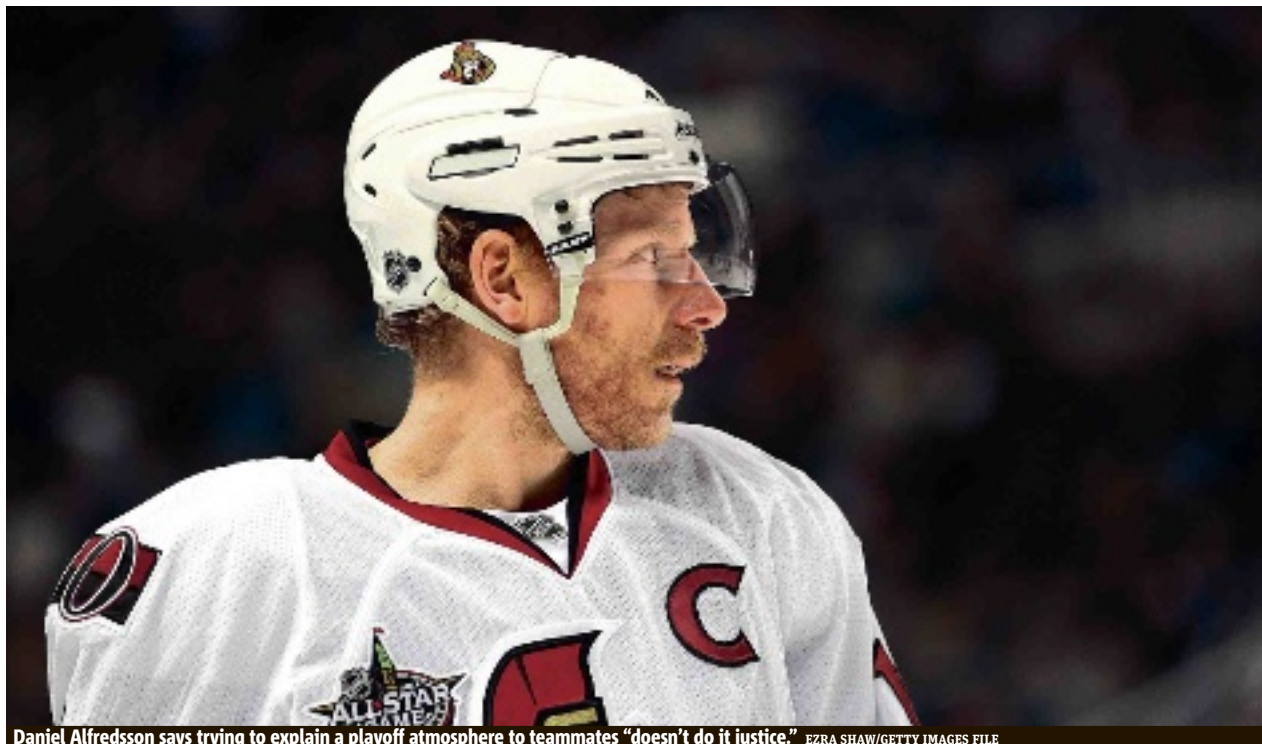
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**FIFA**

## Canada up to 75th in rankings

World champion Spain remained top in FIFA's monthly rankings, and Uruguay rose to third. The Netherlands dropped two places to fourth, losing second to Germany. Canada, which hasn't played since losing to Armenia in a friendly match in February, moved up four spots to 75th.

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Daniel Alfredsson says trying to explain a playoff atmosphere to teammates "doesn't do it justice." EZRA SHAW/GETTY IMAGES FILE

# Alfredsson spreads post-season wisdom

## NHL. Captain gives advice to young club ahead of first-round matchup vs. Rangers

Daniel Alfredsson has been here before. Many of his teammates haven't.

The Senators captain will look to pass his playoff experience onto a youthful Ottawa locker-room before the team opens its Eastern Conference quarter-final with the Rangers in New York on Thursday.

But Alfredsson says there's nothing that can prepare a player for his NHL playoff debut.

"It's like going to Vegas for the first time," the 39-year-old said Wednesday. "People can tell you how incredible it is to see these buildings in the mid-

dle of the desert, but until you go there it doesn't do it justice.

"The playoffs are the same way."

Ottawa, the eighth seed in the East, will dress no fewer than six players with zero NHL playoff experience at Madison Square Garden against the heavily favoured Rangers.

**Zibanejad joins Binghamton**

Rookie Mika Zibanejad caused a stir Tuesday when he skated with Ottawa's top line.

- But the Senators assigned the 18-year-old Swede to the AHL on Wednesday.
- The talented forward Zibanejad was taken sixth overall in the 2011 draft and

Alfredsson, who has 107 playoff games to his credit, believes preparation will be key for the Senators' young players.

"It's just making them aware of how things are on such a bigger scale. If you say the wrong thing it's going to be in every paper and you're going to have to answer for it," he

made the Senators out of training camp before being loaned to Djurgarden of the Swedish Elite League.

- Zibanejad could return to the NHL after the AHL season ends, but suiting up for a game with Ottawa would burn a year of his three-year entry-level contract.

said. "It's about handling your emotions because you're so pumped up and you have to be able to direct them in the right way."

One of those players is rookie blue-liner Jared Cowen.

"We've been talking about playoffs for a while now, especially since we clinched," he said. "It's exciting to actually get into it now and actually experience it for the first time and get the game started."

The success of the AHL's Binghamton Senators, who won last season's Calder Cup, also helps.

"I think we're going to rely on that experience a lot," said winger Colin Greening. "We went through four rounds of really hard, arduous hockey so we're banking on that experience to help us."

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## NHL. Rangers embrace Tortorella's snarly style



New York head coach John Tortorella. GETTY IMAGES FILE

John Tortorella stared into a packed interview room on the eve of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

With several cameras and a swarm of reporters in his face, the fiery coach of the New York Rangers impatiently awaited the first question.

Awkward silence followed until he broke it.

"Five, four, three," he counted down.

It was met with laughter, but Tortorella didn't join in. It is hardly a stretch to think that if nothing was asked before he reached zero, he would've marched out the door.

**Quoted**

**"You're going to play within the team concept, and if you don't, you just don't play. If you're not playing, you know why."**

Rangers centre Brad Richards, who won a cup with John Tortorella in Tampa Bay.

So it goes with perhaps the most intense coach in the NHL.

Tortorella has been fined twice this season. The first was \$10,000 US for suggesting the NHL and NBC colluded to try to get the Winter Classic into over-

time. The second was \$20,000 last week after a loss at Pittsburgh in which he unleashed a profanity-laced tirade at Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin. That was sparked by Penguin Brooks Orpik's hit on Derek Stepan, which Tortorella called dirty.

"He is willing to put himself out there to stick up for us," Rangers forward Mike Rupp said. "He doesn't want his players to be disrespected, and he will stand against that. He is very good at just trying to protect us as best he can. It's just one of those things that make you want to play for him."

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# 4 SPORTS

**Quoted**

**"I'm going to take some time off and not look at the clubs for a while, and then get back after it."**

A statement from Tiger Woods on his website Wednesday, announcing that he is taking a three-week break before returning to golf at the Wells Fargo Championship. Woods announced Wednesday he will resume an up-and-down season May 3-6 at Quail Hollow, where he won in 2007. In his last three tournaments, Woods withdrew in the middle of the final round at Doral with a sore Achilles tendon, won at Bay Hill for his first PGA Tour title in 30 months and tied for 40th at the Masters, his worst 72-hole position in any major as a pro.

**"I know what I need to work on. It's just a matter of getting out there and doing it. Just putting in the reps and the time. I just wasn't able to do it at the Masters."**

Tiger Woods

**On the web**

## Flyers-Pens clash in Game 1

The Philadelphia Flyers travelled to Pittsburgh for the opener of their first-round series with the Penguins on Wednesday night. Go to metronews.ca for the game story.

**On the web**



There may have been some panicky moments around the country as the 2010 Olympic gold-medal hockey game went to overtime, but as Team Canada head coach Mike Babcock explains in his new book, "there was no way doubt was getting in the dressing room on that day." Scan the code for the story.



# NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

## STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

### FIRST ROUND

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS  
(Best-of-7) — All Times Eastern

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. RANGERS (1) VS. OTTAWA (8)

#### Tonight's game

Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

#### Saturday's game

Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

#### Monday, April 16

N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, April 18

N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, April 21

x-Ottawa at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.

#### Monday, April 23

x-N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, TBD

#### Thursday, April 26

x-Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, TBD

### BOSTON (2) VS. WASHINGTON (7)

#### Tonight's game

Washington at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

#### Saturday's game

Washington at Boston, 3 p.m.

#### Monday, April 16

Boston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, April 19

Boston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, April 21

x-Washington at Boston, 3 p.m.

### FLORIDA (3) VS. NEW JERSEY (6)

#### Tomorrow's game

New Jersey at Florida, 7 p.m.

#### Sunday's game

New Jersey at Florida, 7:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, April 17

Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

#### Thursday, April 19

Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

#### Saturday, April 21

x-New Jersey at Florida, 6:30 p.m.

### PITTSBURGH (4) VS. PHILADELPHIA (5)

#### Last night's result

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh

#### Tomorrow's game

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

#### Sunday's game

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.

#### Wednesday, April 18

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

#### Friday, April 20

x-Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

### VANCOUVER (1) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)

#### Last night's result

Los Angeles at Vancouver

#### Tomorrow's game

Los Angeles at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

#### Sunday's game

Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, April 18

Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

#### Sunday, April 22

x-Los Angeles at Vancouver, TBD

#### Tuesday, April 24

x-Vancouver at Los Angeles, TBD

#### Thursday, April 26

x-Los Angeles at Vancouver, TBD

### ST. LOUIS (2) VS. SAN JOSE (7)

#### Tonight's game

San Jose at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.

#### Saturday's game

San Jose at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.

#### Monday, April 16

St. Louis at San Jose, 10 p.m.

#### Thursday, April 19

St. Louis at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, April 21

x-San Jose at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.

### PHOENIX (3) VS. CHICAGO (6)

#### Tonight's game

Chicago at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

#### Saturday's game

Chicago at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

#### Tuesday, April 17

Phoenix at Chicago, 9 p.m.

#### Thursday, April 19

Phoenix at Chicago, 8 p.m.

#### Saturday, April 21

x-Chicago at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

### NASHVILLE (4) VS. DETROIT (5)

#### Last night's result

Detroit at Nashville

#### Tomorrow's game

Detroit at Nashville, 7:30 p.m.

#### Sunday's game

Nashville at Detroit, 12 p.m.

#### Tuesday, April 17

Nashville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

#### Friday, April 20

x-Detroit at Nashville, 8 p.m.

x — played only if necessary.

## HOCKEY

## WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

#### At Burlington, Vt.

#### PLAYOFFS

#### Championship Bracket

#### Yesterday's results

#### Quarter-finals

Switzerland 5 Russia 2

Finland vs. Sweden

#### Tomorrow's games — All Times Eastern

#### Fifth Place

Russia vs. Finland/Sweden loser, 5 p.m.

#### Semifinals

Canada vs. Finland/Sweden winner, 3 p.m.

U.S. vs. Switzerland, 7 p.m.

#### Saturday's games

#### Bronze Medal

Semifinal losers, 3 p.m.

#### Gold Medal

Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.

#### RELEGATION BRACKET

(Best-of-3; loser drops down to B-Pool)

(Germany leads series 1-0)

#### Yesterday's result

Germany 2 Slovakia 1 (SO)

#### Tomorrow's game

Slovakia vs. Germany, 1 p.m.

#### Saturday's game (if required)

Slovakia vs. Germany, 1 p.m.

## IIHF MEN'S UNDER-18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PRELIMINARY ROUND

#### Today's games — All Times Eastern

#### At Brno, Slovakia

Denmark vs. Canada, 10 a.m.

Finland vs. U.S., 2 p.m.

#### At Znojmo, Slovakia

Latvia vs. Russia, 10 a.m.

Germany vs. Sweden, 2 p.m.

#### Tomorrow's games

#### At Znojmo, Slovakia

Czech Republic vs. Denmark, 6 a.m.

Switzerland vs. Latvia, 1 p.m.

#### Saturday's game

#### At Breclav, Slovakia

Canada vs. Finland, noon

## MLB

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	4	1	.800	—
Toronto	4	2	.667	½
Baltimore	3	2	.600	1
New York	2	3	.400	2
Boston	1	5	.167	3½
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	4	1	.800	—
Chicago	3	2	.600	1
Kansas City	3	3	.500	1½
Cleveland	1	4	.200	3
Minnesota	0	4	.000	3½
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	4	1	.800	—
Seattle	3	3	.500	1½
Los Angeles	2	2	.500	1½
Oakland	3	4	.429	2

#### Yesterday's results

Toronto 3 Boston 1

Chicago White Sox 10 Cleveland 6

Oakland 5 Kansas City 4 (12 innings)

Tampa Bay 4 Detroit 2

N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore

Seattle at Texas

L.A. Angels at Minnesota

#### Tuesday's results

Toronto 7 Boston 3

Detroit 5 Tampa Bay 2

NY Yankees 5 Baltimore 4 (12 innings)

Texas 1 Seattle 0

Kansas City 3 Oakland 0 (8 innings)

Chicago White Sox at Cleveland (ppd., rain)

#### Today's games — All Times Eastern

Tampa Bay (Niemann 0-0) at Detroit (Smyly 0-0), 1:05 p.m.

L.A. Angels (Haren 0-1) at Minnesota (Liriano 0-1), 1:10 p.m.

Seattle (Vargas 1-0) at Texas (D.Holland 0-0), 2:05 p.m.

#### Tomorrow's games

L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Boston, 2:05 p.m.

Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.

Cleveland at Kansas City, 4:10 p.m.

Baltimore at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.

Texas at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.

Oakland at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

## BLUE JAYS 3, RED SOX 1

Boston	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Elisury cf	3	0	1	1	YEScor ss	3	0	1	2
Pedroia 2b	3	0	0	0	KJhnsn 2b	3	0	0	0
AdGnzl 1b	4	0	0	0	Bautist rf	3	0	0	0
Youkilz 3b	4	0	0	0	Encrnc 1b	3	0	0	0
Ortiz dh	4	0	0	0	BFrcns dh	3	0	0	0
DMcDnr f	3	0	0	0	Lawrie 3b	3	0	0	0
C.Ross lf	3	0	1	0	Thams lf	3	1	1	0
Aviles ss	3	1	1	0	Rasms cf	0	0	0	0
Shppch c	3	0	0	0	Arenci c	3	0	0	0
RDavis cf-lf	2	2	1	1					
Totals	30	1	3	1	Totals	26	3	3	3
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Toronto	002	000	01x	3					
LOB—Boston 4, Toronto 2. 3B—R.Davis (1).									
SB—R.Davis (2). SF—Y.Escobar.									
Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
Lester L, 0-1	8	3	3	3	2	6			
Toronto									
R.Romero W, 1-0	81-3	3	1	1	2	5			
Santos S, 1-3	2-3	0	0	0	0	1			
WP—Lester. PB—Shoppach.									
Umpires—Home, Ted Barrett; First, Brian Runge; Second, Marvin Hudson; Third, Tim McClelland.									
T—2:13. A—25,285 (49,260) at Toronto.									

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	4	2	.667	—
Washington	4	2	.667	—
Miami	2	3	.400	1½
Philadelphia	1	3	.250	2
Atlanta	1	4	.200	2½
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	5	2	.714	—
Milwaukee	4	2	.667	½
Houston	3	2	.600	1
Cincinnati	3	3	.500	1½
Pittsburgh	2	2	.500	1½
Chicago	1	5	.167	3½
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	4	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	4	1	.800	½
Colorado	1	3	.250	3
San Francisco	1	3	.250	3
San Diego	1	4	.200	3½

#### Yesterday's results

Cincinnati 4 St. Louis 3

Washington 4 N.Y. Mets 0

Milwaukee 2 Chicago Cubs 1

Arizona at San Diego

Miami at Philadelphia

Atlanta at Houston

San Francisco at Colorado

Pittsburgh at L.A. Dodgers

#### Tuesday's results

Arizona 4 San Diego 2 (11 innings)

Atlanta 6 Houston 4

L.A. Dodgers 2 Pittsburgh 1

Milwaukee 7 Chicago Cubs 4

St. Louis 3 Cincinnati 1

Washington 6 N.Y. Mets 2

#### Today's games — All Times Eastern

Cincinnati (Latos 0-1) at Washington

(G.Gonzalez 0-0), 1:05 p.m.

Milwaukee (Greinke 1-0) at Chicago Cubs

(Garza 0-0), 2:20 p.m.

San Francisco (Bumgarner 0-1) at Colorado

(Moyer 0-1), 3:10 p.m.

Miami (Buehrle 0-1) at Philadelphia (Blanton 0-1), 7:05 p.m.

Arizona (L.Kennedy 1-0) at San Diego (Bass 0-1), 10:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Karstens 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers

(Capuano 0-0), 10:10 p.m.

#### Tomorrow's games



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# Jays' Romero rolls past Red Sox

**MLB.** Jays ace pitches superb against Boston, at one point retiring 17 straight batters

There's something about facing the Boston Red Sox of late that brings out the best in Ricky Romero.

The Toronto left-hander allowed just one run and three hits over 8 1/3-dominant innings to lead the Blue Jays to a 3-1 win Wednesday afternoon in Toronto. Romero won his third straight start against Boston dating back to last season in his longest outing in 14 career starts against the Red Sox.

"I had a good feel for my sinker, I didn't beat the ball into the ground a lot and when you're able to do that you can't get away from it until they make that adjustment," Romero said. "And when they did make that adjustment I had a good curveball going."

"These guys are so tough to pitch to sometimes and you have to keep them off-balance and make good pitches."

Toronto (4-2) won the rub-



Jays right-fielder Jose Bautista tracks down a fly ball as Rajai Davis backs him up Wednesday in Toronto. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

ber match of the series behind the performance of its ace, who at one point retired 17 straight Boston hitters in a superbly pitched game that required just two hours 13 minutes to complete.

After allowing a run and three hits in the third inning, Romero, who led Toronto

last season in starts (32), wins (15), innings pitched (225) and earned-run average (2.92), really settled into a groove before opening the ninth with consecutive walks to Jacoby Ellsbury and Dustin Pedroia. They moved to third and second, respectively, on Adrian Gonzalez's sacrifice fly, which spelled

the end to Romero's day.

Closer Sergio Santos, who blew two save chances earlier this season, fanned Kevin Youkilis and got David Ortiz to hit into a game-ending ground-out to cement the victory.

"Ricky was the story here today," said Toronto manager John Farrell. "I know how

much he wanted to finish this game but he more than did his job, and Santos came in and somewhat redeemed himself from his first couple of outings and did what we really anticipated when we acquired him (in the off-season from the Chicago White Sox)."

Romero (1-0) out-duelled

Boston left-hander Jon Lester before 25,285 spectators — many of them school kids — at Rogers Centre.

"I felt way better than I did opening day," Romero said. "Any time you go deep in the game that's what it is all about."

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Across

- 1 Sitarist's rendition  
5 Pouch  
8 Sedimentary deposit  
12 Beige  
13 Swelled head  
14 Freshly  
15 Send forth  
16 Lair  
17 Start over  
18 Man's hat style  
20 Campus area  
22 Etui's cousin?  
26 Invigorating  
29 Coop occupant  
30 Street address?  
31 Tramp's love  
32 Pickle container  
33 Actress Jessica  
34 Whatever amount  
35 Pitch  
36 Skin  
37 1959 Hudson/Day movie  
40 Gentle soul  
41 Subtlety  
45 Raised platform  
47 Make a choice  
49 Gander  
50 Into the sunrise  
51 Digits (Abbr.)  
52 Capri, e.g.  
53 Crazy  
54 Actor Ron

55 Geographical septet

Down

- 1 Coral structure  
2 Pinnacle  
3 Crossword diagram  
4 Final exam?  
5 Car style  
6 Census statistic  
7 Triumph over  
8 Fergie, less familiarly  
9 Like wax fruit  
10 Started  
11 Teeter-totter quorum  
19 Sartorial problem  
21 Sailors' org.  
23 "USA Today" feature  
24 Spheres  
25 Ark skipper  
26 Applaud  
27 Hindu princess  
28 Writer of pastoral pieces  
32 Mandible  
33 Acids' neutralizers  
35 Pig stealer of rhyme  
36 Winter ailment  
38 Survives  
39 Nervous  
42 Winning margin, maybe

- 43 Pop flavor  
44 — out a living  
45 Society newbie  
46 Motorists' grp.

48 Rep. or Dem.

Yesterday's Crossword



Horoscope

**♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.**  
Sometimes you are too nice and if you let someone off the hook today when they don't deserve it, you will regret it later.  
**♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.**  
You need to be by yourself today and the only way you can do that is to put a barrier between you and negative people.  
**♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.**  
This is a good time to approach people in positions of authority, especially if you need support.  
**♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.**  
You can accomplish almost anything you want to, but you've got to look confident.

**♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.** What you want more than anything today is financial stability. How can you make your talents pay?  
**♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.** If a loved one makes a silly mistake today don't make a big issue of it.  
**♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.** With mind planet Mercury at odds with Saturn in your sign, you could easily fall into the trap of thinking that something is important when it really doesn't matter at all.  
**♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.** Give as much of yourself as you can today. Be generous to those you love and to those whose words and activities rub you the wrong way.

**♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.** This is a good time to deal with issues on the home front.  
**♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20.** If you have done something wrong, now is the time to apologize. The planets will help you to find just the right words.  
**♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18.** There is no such thing as something for nothing — ever. Keep that simple truth in front of you today and you won't go far wrong.  
**♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.** Do what you can to help someone in need today but keep your distance emotionally.  
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9	3	5	7	8	6	2	4	1
2	5	7	6	4	1	8	5	3
3	4	9	5	7	8	1	6	2
8	5	1	2	6	3	4	7	9
4	1	2	6	5	7	9	3	8
6	9	3	8	1	4	7	2	5
5	7	8	3	2	9	6	1	4



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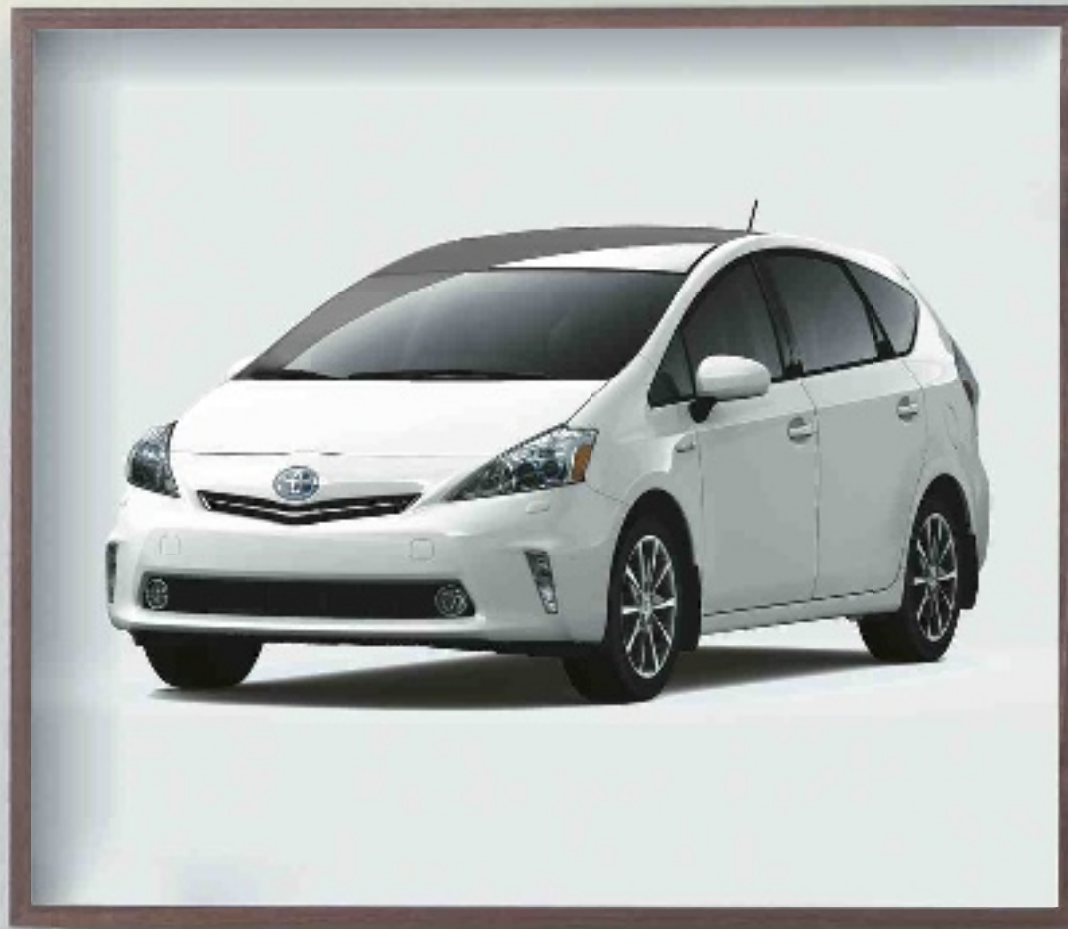
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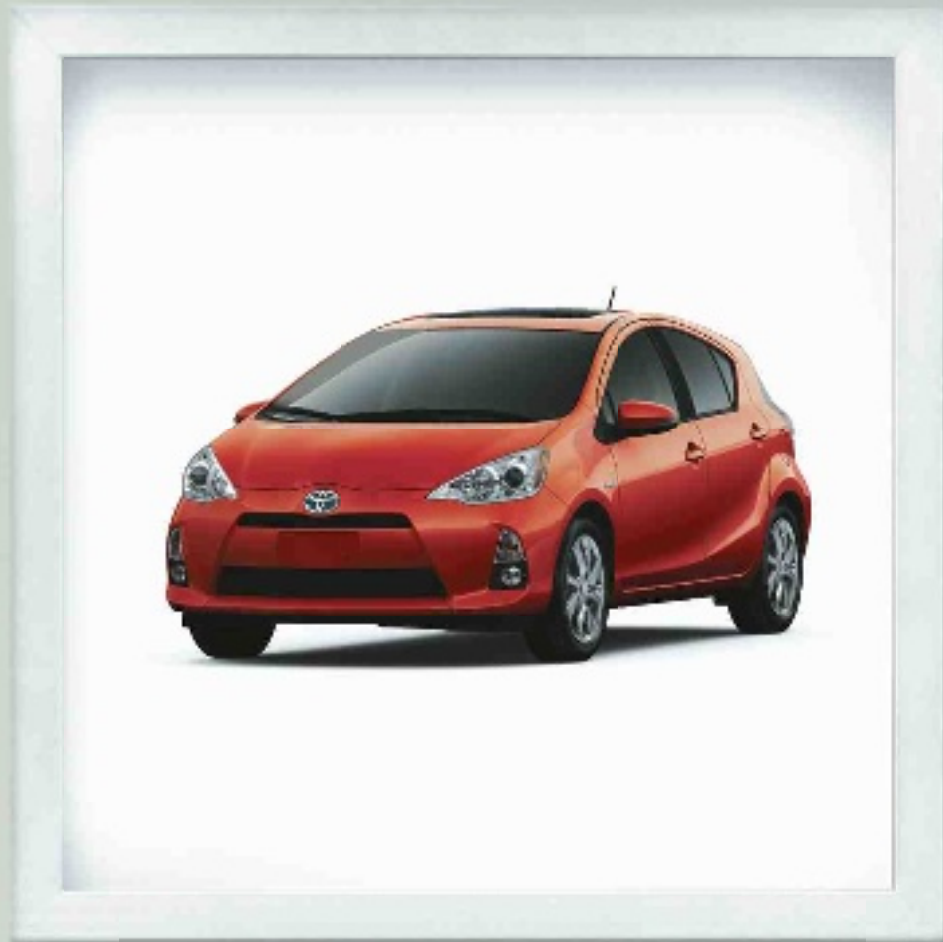
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